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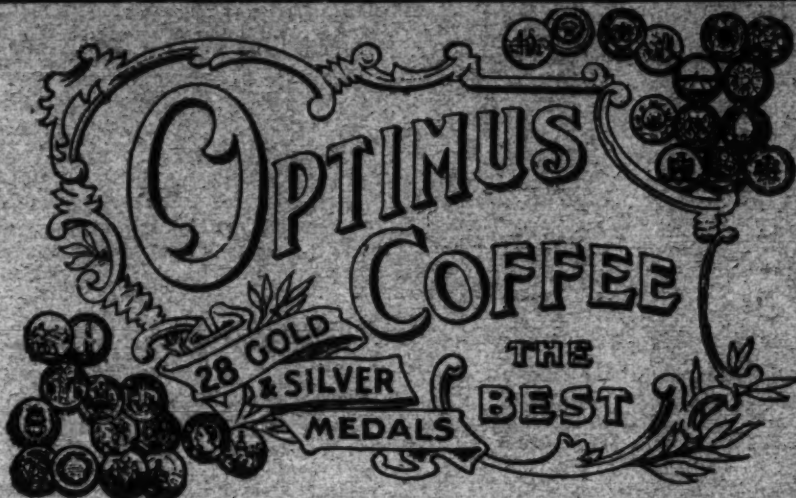
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## DEDICATION.

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

## THE OUTLOOK.

Very great and striking success has attended the Woman's Exhibition at the Prince's Skating Rink. Opened on Thursday afternoon in last week by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Mayor of Aldeburgh, it has been attended during the week by great numbers of people. Many have been the expressions of interest which it has evoked from its visitors, and many well-earned compliments have been paid the women who have worked untiringly to produce this splendid result. Particular pleasure has been given by the entertainments in the theatre, so generously provided by the Actresses' Franchise League, and the other attractions have been well attended. Moreover, the visitors to the Exhibition have not hesitated to empty their purses in buying at the stalls, so that a splendid figure is certain to be reached before the final day for closing (May 26) comes round. The total amount obtained from all departments of the Exhibition will be announced at the Thursday evening At Home at the St. James's Hall on May 27.

## Special Days Next Week.

We call the special attention of our readers to the arrangements which are being made for the last four days of the Exhibition, when the admission will be reduced after 6.30 p.m. to 6d. each, children 3d. Special entertainments are being prepared which will take place in the body of the hall, and the prospect of three delightful evenings is certain. Full particulars of these arrangements will be found on page 691.

## The Drum and Fife Band.

It was as great a surprise to many members of the Women's Social and Political Union as to those outside the ranks when on Saturday last the Drum and Fife Band, in full uniform,

started forth for a procession round the streets. The women taking part in this band have spared no pains for the three months to make themselves thoroughly proficient, and a delightful result has been produced. We congratulate all those concerned upon the success of their labours, and we hope that many more will volunteer to be enrolled among its ranks. In the meanwhile we call attention to the fact that the band will go in special procession to advertise the Exhibition to-morrow, Saturday, and volunteers are wanted for selling the Exhibition programme, and also copies of this paper. Full particulars will be found on page 695.

## Political Activity.

The Exhibition has not occupied the whole time of members of the Women's Social and Political Union during the week. In various parts of the country large meetings have been held, in particular that in Sheffield on Tuesday evening last, where Mrs. Pankhurst addressed a crowded audience. Cabinet Ministers, too, have been questioned on every occasion of their appearance in public. Mr. John Burns characteristically took refuge in abuse, referring to the women as "female hooligans," and bidding the stewards to "throw them out" of the meeting. The protest made at Mr. Birrell's meeting in Bristol is delightfully depicted in our special cartoon of the week, which a Bristol artist has kindly provided for us while our own cartoonist, "A Patriot," is unfortunately laid up by illness, from which our readers will be glad to hear he is on the way to speedy recovery.

## Lord Curzon's Arguments.

It is very much to be regretted that Lord Curzon did not produce his "15 strong, valid, and incontrovertible arguments against woman suffrage" the other night in his after-dinner speech at the anti-suffrage meeting, because we have been waiting for any real arguments from opponents ever since the woman suffrage campaign began. If we are to judge however by the sample he actually gave they would not have helped him very much. Instead, he expressed himself on the subject of "female howling dervishes" and gave an imaginary dialogue which he as a very bold and superior person would have with a suffragist if he were a candidate for the House of Commons. We hope Lord Curzon will go on speaking. He is an excellent propagandist for Votes for Women.

## Protests of Teachers.

The new life and hope which has come into the Woman Suffrage movement is stirring women all over the world into rebellion against their present inferior position. We chronicled last week the crowded gathering which came together to protest against the exclusion of married women teachers from schools. Our readers will be interested to note this week that a large deputation of women teachers waited upon the Mayor of New York in order to claim equal pay for equal work. The reception which they received from the municipal authorities will probably convince a good many of them that woman's citizenship must precede redress of woman's grievances.

## Interesting Features.

On another page we give an account of the remaining sittings of the Women's Liberal Federation, and in her article on page 696 Miss Christabel Pankhurst deals with the Cuckfield resolution which was defeated at the meeting. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence writes on "The Woman Went Forth to Sow," and we have pleasure in reproducing the beautiful canvas painted by Miss Sylvia Pankhurst for the south wall of the Exhibition. Dr. Anita Augspurg describes the situation in Germany, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence concludes his series of articles on "The Elements of the Woman Suffrage Demand." We would also draw attention to Miss Keevil's letter asking for volunteers for the Midlands Caravan in the summer.



# EMENTS OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEMAND.

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence. Chapter XIII.—Conclusion.

In the twelve chapters already written I have outlined the story of Woman Suffrage.

I have discussed the nature of the demand which women are making, and have shown that in seeking for the removal of the sex disqualification for the franchise women are asking to be ranged with men among the "people" by whom the government of the country is carried on, they are asking to share with men the duties, the privileges, and the responsibilities of being a part of the electorate. I have shown that if this reform were immediately conceded about a million and a quarter women would exercise the franchise compared with about seven and a half million men.

I have pointed out how this reform is urgently required not merely to ensure for women a satisfactory position under the laws and under the administration of the country, and to make their status equal to that of men, but also in order that woman's influence may be potent to rectify abuses which have sprung up in the State, abuses which touch the lives of men and children as well as of women, and which men working alone have failed to rectify in the past and would continue to fail to rectify if left unaided in the future.

I have taken a short historical survey of the progress of the Woman's Suffrage agitation. I have called attention to the fact that in early days women thought it was only necessary to demonstrate the justice of their demand and that they then looked to men to carry the reform into law. Those days are gone by. Nowadays women do not look to men to win their freedom for them; they are going to win it for themselves; they are going to win it through action, which not only is the sole means of attaining success, but which is also the sole means of education for the battle of life.

I have compared the militant methods which the women have adopted in their battle against the Government with the methods which men used in earlier days, and I have shown that the women have succeeded where men failed in dissociating political attack from physical attack, and that the members of the Cabinet have been made to suffer not in their persons, but in their political prestige.

## A Glimpse into the Future.

The progress of the last three and a half years of the Woman Suffrage agitation has been so remarkable and so extraordinary that no one with sound political instinct can doubt that the woman's parliamentary vote in this country cannot much longer be withheld. Just as in the springtime after months of winter, when the trees seem to have been making no progress at all towards bloom, in the course of a few short weeks—it seems almost in the course of a few short days—the whole earth blossoms into leafage and flower, so is it to-day with the Woman's movement. The progress of forty years of winter seems to have been as nothing; every week an advance is made which is greater than that of a year in the days gone by. Soon, very soon, the full blossom will be out; women in Great Britain will be politically free. But that is not the end but the beginning; the fruit will be still to come. Freed from artificial restrictions women will become essentially womanly. While sharing with men the duties and responsibilities and privileges of citizenship, they

will not in the least forget that they are women, and the differences in their sphere will be decided by natural and not by artificial law. To achieve this beneficial result in every country of the civilised world will be the especial work of the first half of this twentieth century, the century which at its birth saw the first early signs of the coming spring.

## When and How Will the Vote be Won?

But when and how will the vote be won in this country? It is not possible to give an exact reply. When a rope is suspended, and at its lower end is fastened a load, and one by one additional weights are placed upon that load, who can tell at what particular juncture and in what particular manner that rope will break? The laws of mathematics give reliable information as to the tension and as to the stretching of the rope under normal conditions, but when the breaking strain is nearly reached those empirical laws, based upon the previous observations of men, cease to be of any avail. So it is with the fight between women and the Government of the day. When and how the resistance of the Government will give way we do not know, but as we see weight after weight being attached, as we know that the strain upon their obstinacy is growing greater and greater, we know that sooner or later that rope must break and when it breaks women will have won their freedom.

## No Woman Can Stay Outside.

But do not imagine for one moment that because the victory of Woman Suffrage in this country is sure and close at hand that that is any reason why any single woman should stay outside the ranks of the fighting army. What a bitter memory it will be in days to come for any woman who refuses to be a battle comrade in this fight, how sad it will be for her to have to tell her children and her grandchildren that when this fight was being fought she remained slinking in the rear, too foolish or too cowardly to play her part.

Every woman who stays outside the ranks delays the coming of this reform, and every day that this reform is delayed means a day in which the abuses of the present time continue unremoved, a day in which women continue to suffer unnecessarily, a day in which the nation and the children of the nation are unnecessarily deprived of a woman's influence.

Every woman who comes into the ranks to-day enables this fight to be fought with greater moderation, with greater patience, and with less bitterness.

Most important of all, for every woman who takes a share in winning the battle, the victory when it comes will be of greater value. Those who join the ranks of the army after the first victory is won will count for less in the succeeding conflicts, their voice will not have the potency to redress wrong, their arm will not be so strong to succour the weak or to protect the helpless.

The call, therefore, comes to women to-day; come now into the ranks of the army of women before the victory is won, come in and take your share in the fight, come in so that the victory may be won *by* you as well as *for* you, come in so that the result of victory may be fundamental, and potent, and enduring.

*Come now*



## THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN GERMANY.

By ANITA AUGSPURG, LL.D.

The movement of women in Germany marches forward with a sure and steady step, finding a sympathetic echo not only in the hearts of women oppressed and ill-treated by laws and customs, but also among men, who, led either by a liberal sense of justice or by a practical estimation of political expediency, are beginning to look upon the female population as a real part of the State.

The advance of women has found concrete expression in the law removing the restrictions placed upon women in the largest German States—Prussia and Bavaria—against forming or joining political societies. This law, in itself a mark of women's advance, has done much more than was previously foreseen to make still further advance possible.

It is rather difficult for people in other countries to understand these restrictions, which, up till the passage of this law, varied in all kinds of ways in the twenty-five different State Governments of the Empire. The fact is that in seventeen States women never knew of any special restrictions as to political societies or meetings; while the two large kingdoms of Prussia and Bavaria refused to women, schoolboys and apprentices the right to join political organisations. Some of the other States, still more backward, such as the Governments of Mecklenburg and Brunswick, even forbade women to be present at all at public meetings. In these last-named States—happily small in size and population—the woman's movement was practically dead and Woman Suffrage was unheard of. In Prussia and Bavaria the severity and insupportable injustice of the law must be recognised to have been one of the best stimulants to make women conscious of the secondary position in which they were placed, and to rouse them to an ardent struggle to gain, at any rate, the elementary right to join political associations.

The old law was so full of inconsequence and self-contradiction that they had easy work. Thus, while it forbade them to join political societies, it allowed them to form societies for the purpose of elections. Again, it forbade them to be present at the conferences of political societies, but it did not forbid them to arrange or to be present at public meetings for political purposes. Moreover, the women in these States could not be forbidden to become members of political societies in other States where women were free to form such societies.

In consequence of these anomalies the headquarters of the German Woman Suffrage Union was transferred to the Republic of Hamburg, and women all over the German Empire have been able to become members of this National Union ever since it was first formed in the year 1901.

### The Educational Value of the Struggle.

Of course, the struggle against the narrowness of the law and the necessity of discovering holes and by-ways to slip through its net and so to dupe the watchful policy of the enemies of women was a good education for the women of Prussia and Bavaria. They knew by their own want of political freedom the value of political right—a right which was not nearly so much prized by the women of Saxony, Württemberg, and the other States which actually possessed it. Moreover, the difference of position of the women in the different States educated the women of the more liberal States to acknowledge their privilege and to make real use of it. Finally, the consciousness of the deep degradation lying in the restrictions of this elemental right, while the work and influence of women in public life became more and more evident, did not cease to produce a keen and burning opposition in women, an opposition that men could not and would not help to ferment. Women clearly proved that they were political individuals, ripe in judgment, sharp in understanding, and active in tactics, and it was felt that

they could not any longer be ignored, especially in view of the fact that they had rendered valuable political assistance in several elections, where their work was esteemed highly by those parties whose eyes were open to the signs of the times.

So it happened that when, at length, in the year 1908, a law for the whole Empire fixed equality for all States and both sexes with regard to political organisations, the emancipation of women in this respect produced a greater effect upon men than upon women. Practically, it will be seen, the position of women was very little altered; they had for a long time contrived to do what was legally forbidden to them, and, therefore, after the change in the law they only proceeded to develop publicly an organisation that had existed for several years in secret, for, as I have shown, they had long since felt their own political independence and had joined political parties when they desired to do so, if not in their own town and country, at any rate in another country not very many miles away.

### Political Recognition of Women.

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that women are regarded to-day with quite new eyes in Germany in consequence of the new law. Whether this be due to the fact that the feeling of independence and self-reliance in German men is not so keenly awake as it is in German women (for which the special education, military service, etc., of German men may be responsible), or whether it be that the difference in the legal position of women owing to the passage of the law is more striking to men, who had known women mostly as second-class politicians, than to women, who had always known themselves as first-class politicians I am not prepared to say. It happened however, that directly after the passing of the law a sudden rush occurred in almost all political parties to enrol women as members. At first, only those parties opened their constitutions to the other sex who were either genuine believers in the spirit of justice that they proclaimed in their programme, or who saw the political capital to be made out of the inclusion of women. It wanted, however, but a small amount of intelligence to understand the advantage which these pioneers gained by the admission of women into their ranks, and the other parties, more or less reluctantly, have found themselves obliged to follow suit, so that we now have women being coaxed into all the political parties of men, and even being nominated to official positions and entrusted with difficult work. It is a valuable sign of the political judgment of German women that they are very little affected by this change in the situation. They did political work for their own education; they managed election work; they organised whole constituencies, and in this way learned the ropes and got experience for practical political work; but they have now determined not to work for any candidate whose profession of friendship to Woman Suffrage is based on tactical reasons and who is not a sincere friend by conviction and heart.

Only a few women have joined the political parties, none of which appears to be entirely satisfactory as regards its practice and leadership, whatever political ideals may appear on the party programmes. The question of to-day for women is whether it is desirable for the cause of Woman Suffrage that they should join in the political work of men. This question is to be earnestly discussed at the annual meeting of the National Union this year, and no doubt the experience of women in England and other countries, where devoted political work in men's parties has been offered year after year by women without any reward and without anything effective being done in the direction of Woman Suffrage, will influence the decision in the direction of pursuing different tactics in Germany.



## PLANTING THE FLAG AT PRINCE'S.

By EVELYN SHARP.

I had sat opposite to a row of them in the omnibus for about a mile, and felt sure they were Suffragettes from the glint in their eyes. Then one of them said to the conductor, "Will you please tell us when we come to Prince's?" and I knew.

So did the conductor. "Bless you, mum, you couldn't miss it if you tried," he said, indulgently.

Then, in response to a signal from another lady, who sat in the corner and had no glint in her cold and disapproving eye, he called to the driver to "stop and let down the Suffragettes!" It seemed a little hard on the lady in the corner, I thought, who would probably have to put up with misrepresentation of this sort for the next ten days, just because she happened to live in the same street with Prince's Skating Rink. Of course, the remedy was in her own hands, and I hoped she would take it and acquire the magic glint by the time the Women's Exhibition closed its doors.

If the Exhibition meant nothing more than just flying the purple, white, and green in the heart of Knightsbridge for a whole fortnight it would be worth while. Never before, perhaps, has the daily desultory conversation of the Western highway into town turned upon "Votes for Women"; never again, certainly, will any driver who plies for hire between Hammersmith and Piccadilly be in doubt as to the meaning of the militant tricolour. And the mass of waving colour outside Prince's is all the more significant since it flutters defiant below the windows of the barracks opposite—all full of gallant warriors who are not allowed to vote because they can fight.

"Jest look at that, now!" says the crowd again and again as omnibus after omnibus and carriage after carriage discharges its load at the door. It is not an illuminating remark, perhaps, but it is what the crowd in all ages says to the conquering forces. Napoleon must have heard it often, and Hannibal and Julius Caesar, to say nothing of our own Cromwell when he marched along that very road into London. It would be impossible to throw a colloquialism to the losing side. For the losers are all the great heroic remarks of history, such as "On, on, into the valley of death!" or "Man is man, and woman is woman!" But to the sweeping conquerors of the world the crowd merely murmurs, as it stands inactive, "Jest look at that, now!"

## The Colours in Many Forms.

Inside the Exhibition you say it yourself. People press ballot papers into your hand asking you to pass or reject Daylight Bills, to retain or abolish censorship. Ices, which should properly be left to blush unseen until strawberries have learnt to grow purple, are placed persuasively in your way, and adorable little girls with pigtales, hoping to have a vote by the time they have left off lipping, hold up bunches of flowers, "In the colours, and only frippence, please!" But the light and the beauty and the movement of it all make you for the moment a most unsatisfactory purchaser. Accustomed to the colours you may be, but not to their many possibilities, till you see them in the mass at Prince's. In repose, full of deep tones and harmonies, they look down upon you from the walls. In every summer tint and shade they smile at you in frocks and hats. Overhead, gay and impudent and irrepressible, they keep the air alive in gently waving flags and bunting. For, although it is not hot, the electric fans are all whirring merrily. Even the air is kept on the move when Suffragettes are about.

Never before, perhaps, have women stitched so hard in the cause of liberty. The stalls are piled with four months' work; it is the Suffragettes' "Song of the Shirt." Every fine piece of embroidery, every baby garment, every absurd dip in the lucky tub, represents the woman's answer to the silent centuries in which she has been overworked and underpaid. Here you may find the readjustment of that picture of woman-

hood so dear to the past, the picture of a tired woman leaning over a cradle, or a piece of work, or a shroud, but always, always leaning with bowed head. Here, in the Women's Exhibition, is the new picture of the woman who holds her head up when she works, the woman for whom there is no overwork in what she is doing now, and for whom there is going to be abundance of pay in her great hope for the future. You may not see this picture in any one of the women in purple, white, or green who throng the alleys between the stalls and bring you tea at the little tables covered with purple, white, and green tablecloths and china. But it is there all the time, look where you may.

Even those to whom the whole glorious ideal of womanhood is summed up in a darning-needle will be glad to find hand-knitted socks on the stalls. And others, a little farther on in their development, who grudgingly allow that it is not unwomanly to be clever so long as the cleverness is not used in the service of the State, will be even pleased with the picture-gallery and the book-stall. It was at the book-stall that I found an interesting point being raised.

"Yes," a purchaser was admitting, doubtfully, "I agree that women will be happier when they get a vote, but they will not be nearly such good copy for the novelist. If your heroine can no longer pretend to be frightened of a mouse, how can your hero pretend to be courageous? It will be a bad thing for the woman novelist when her heroines are all enfranchised!"

The woman novelists at the book-stall did not seem at all alarmed at the prospect. "You forget," said one of them, who had just autographed the book that was being bought, "that the woman novelist will be enfranchised too."

"Then there will be two of them who do not care any longer what kind of hat they wear," was the flippant reply.

## Politics and Millinery.

I should like to have taken that doubting purchaser along with me to the hat stall. I suppose that nowhere outside the Women's Exhibition would hats be bought to the tune of complaints against the existing Government. The combination of politics and millinery, though unusual, certainly added zest to the millinery, I thought.

"What I want to know," said the lady in front of the glass, "is this: How long is this absurd Government going to hold out?"

"It can't hold out. There's another bye-election in West Edinburgh, I hear," said the holder of the hat stall, producing a burnt straw trimmed with purple and green flowers. The conversation was a little intermittent, of necessity.

"I can't wear burnt straw," said the other lady, waving it away. "Do you think you could do anything to this one to keep it from lopping over one ear? I met a man who knows Asquith yesterday, and he said——"

"A bandeau would do it," interrupted the saleswoman, diving suddenly under the stall. "Do tell me what he said," she added, when she emerged; and for the next minute or two I confess that the hat occupied a secondary place in the conversation. It resumed its rightful position, however, when the buyer asked, anxiously, if it would do for Sunday in Hyde Park.

"Oh, yes," answered the seller, confidently. "I'm sure nothing would make it come off."

This might puzzle some people who associate Sunday in Hyde Park with a band and a church parade; but nobody within hearing was puzzled. We all knew what it meant to stand on a lorry on a windy day, and most of us had listened in public to the lady who could not wear burnt straw.

The woman of the future may be difficult to write about; she may give her lover few opportunities to display his prowess and his daring; she may be too happy to be romantic; but at least she will know how to choose a hat that will allow her to hold her head up instead of down, even in a high wind. And there will always be the making of a heroine in the woman who can do that.



## THE EXHIBITION DAY BY DAY.

The Exhibition opened on Thursday under the most favourable auspices possible. Large crowds gathered to listen to the opening speech by Dr. Garrett Anderson, the only woman Mayor in England, and the scene in the Prince's Skating Rink was one of great animation and colour. The ceremony took place in a gallery under Sylvia Pankhurst's large design of the Harvest.

In introducing Dr. Garrett Anderson, Mrs. Pankhurst explained that the purpose of the Exhibition was first of all to raise funds to carry on the work of the W.S.P.U., work which was not always associated with such festive scenes as that in the Prince's Skating Rink that afternoon. The promoters of the Exhibition were glad to have the opportunity of proving to society that women who wanted votes could also interest themselves in a practical way in all that made life beautiful and attractive. Among other attractions were the cartoon models, and she would like members of the present Government to be present to see how they were viewed by other people! They might then realise that this campaign was being carried on by people possessed not only of determination, but of a considerable sense of humour. She could hardly express the gratitude of the Committee of the W.S.P.U. towards the women who had worked so hard and given so much of their leisure time to make the Exhibition a success. They would, she knew, feel that the success of the Exhibition was a sufficient reward for all their labour and devotion. Each day it would be formally opened by women who had distinguished themselves in one or other of the

professions into which women were now entering in such large numbers. (Applause.) Mrs. Garrett Anderson—(applause)—was not only one of the most distinguished members of the medical profession, she was also a worthy citizen of the place in which she resided, and was so greatly valued by her fellow citizens that they had conferred upon her the highest civic office in their power. Women also liked to think of Mrs. Garrett Anderson as a woman who performed all those womanly functions of which women were being so constantly reminded. (Applause.)

Little Miss Barbara Lutyens, in a bright little speech, very clearly heard all over the hall, presented a bouquet of flowers in the colours to Mrs. Garrett Anderson. In a sweet childish voice the little girl said that even children had the power to do something in this big movement; when she was grown up she would always remember the day on which she was allowed to have the honour of giving flowers to a distinguished woman doctor. "Will you please," she ended, "accept these flowers with our love and gratitude?"

Mrs. Garrett Anderson, after thanking the little girl for the flowers, said she wanted to tell them why she was a Suffragette. Other people might have their reasons, but hers were:—(1) That it was inconsistent with the ordinary meaning of justice that women who paid taxes at the same rate as men should be denied the very elementary privilege of having a voice in the selection of their Parliamentary representative. Such a state of things was opposed to the very fundamentals of justice.

(2) She felt very strongly that there was a broader reason, namely, that in the present state of things one-half of humanity was left out. Men and women would never stand exactly in the right relationship until they had a somewhat similar basis of justice meted out to them; until the masculine and feminine part of humanity could help each other and have each other's interests as well as their own at heart, humanity would be imperfect. (3) Because of the industrial interests of women. In the factory districts there were something like five millions of women earning their daily bread by handicrafts, and they had scarcely any power of making their wishes known to the House of Commons. A wave of sentimentality was sweeping over the country, nominally in the interests of women; many people thought it was kind to deprive women of their employment—they seemed to imagine that women would be so much better sitting on sofas! But if poor women were to do that, they must have their meals brought to them, as well as the meals of their children. The employment of barmaids had been interfered with, and now flower-girls were threatened by a sentimental Government. Women themselves ought to have their say in the matter.

She was often asked whether she was really in favour of the militant methods. She always answered quite frankly: "Yes, I am."

("Bravo!") She had belonged to the society started in the days of John Stuart Mill, a society which had worked for many years without making much advance. She did not blame them; every movement had to have a subterranean existence before it came to the front; every great movement must have



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### A POPULAR CARTOON MODEL.

its John the Baptist. But the movement initiated by the W.S.P.U. had quickened public interest, and had brought the question of Woman Suffrage within the range of practical politics. This Exhibition was a means of pushing on the cause as well as of raising money. No great work of this kind could be carried on without a great deal of money, and she hoped all present would leave the Exhibition with their hands full, their purses empty, and their hearts full of gratitude to the militant party for the devotion they had given to the cause of women's enfranchisement.

The opening ceremony over, stall holders and buyers set to work at once and kept the ball rolling until closing time.

### The Polling Booth.

Great interest centred round the Polling Booth, the subject for the day being the Daylight Saving Bill. The Polling Station having been declared open by Mrs. Drummond, the first vote was cast by Mrs. Pankhurst, with whom was Mrs. Garrett Anderson; immediately followed into the booth by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Mrs. Tuke. The second group included Mrs. Drummond, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Annie Kenney, and Miss Mary Gawthorpe. Crowds were then waiting to vote, and for the next hour polling went on rapidly.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, in the intervals of inspecting exhibits and stalls, visitors crowded into the theatre, where a varied programme had been provided. This included a concert under the direction of Miss Esther Palliser, three



"A Woman's Influence," "At the Ribbon Counter," and "Order"), recitations by Miss Beatrice Forbes Robertson, and some wonderful dancing by Mademoiselle Dolli, who was accompanied on the piano by the organist of the Farm Street Church of the Jesuit Fathers. The Ellan Vannin Quartette gave selections from the gallery; and the side shows, palmistry, etc., were besieged by eager applicants who came in such numbers that appointments had to be made for the following day for those unlucky enough to be "crowded out." During the day polling took place on the merits and demerits of the Daylight Saving Bill.

#### Friday.

On Friday it was a woman distinguished in science, Mrs. Hertha Ayrton, the only woman member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, who opened the Exhibition. Mrs. Ayrton said if she were asked what she believed in connection with the suffrage movement, her first reply would be: "I believe with all my heart in the militant tactics." (Applause.) She then dealt with the physical force argument, and told a story showing how presence of mind and courage are of more value than mere strength. Her mother had once seen two men fighting desperately, and as one was in danger of his life, she rushed forward and bit the finger of the assailant, a powerful negro, causing him to loose his hold.

Mrs. Pankhurst spoke with gratitude of the great services rendered to the suffrage cause by Mrs. Ayrton, and by her late distinguished husband, Professor Ayrton, and the sympathy and help given by her daughters, Mrs. Zangwill and Miss Barbara Ayrton.

The announcement of the result of the poll on the Daylight Saving Bill aroused great interest. The figures were:—For, 512; Against, 235; 14 papers were spoilt. The hall then became a busy market for the rest of the afternoon, except when the visitors were drawn away to the delightful concerts given under the direction of Mme. Bertha Moore, and the charming old English singing and games by the children of the Espérance Girls' Club. The Mascottes and the Ellan Vannin Quartette played selections during the day.

#### Saturday.

Quite early on Saturday afternoon a large crowd was waiting for the formal opening of the Exhibition by Miss Beatrice Harraden. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, in introducing her, again congratulated the indefatigable workers to whose energies was due the splendid vitality of the movement, as shown by that Exhibition. Striking at once the practical note, Miss Pankhurst reminded her auditors that although everyone seemingly might be busy with Exhibition work, yet the Union also had time to pay attention to Cabinet Ministers, wherever they might be found. She mentioned the protest of the previous night, and warned the Government that the women would go on with their protests.

Miss Harraden opened the Exhibition briefly and to the point. She was anxious, she said, that all should very soon be buying at the stalls, and she hoped they would go on buying from the opening to the end of the day. She especially noted the enormous significance of that increased co-operation of women who had rallied to the standard of the brave, undaunted leaders of the militant movement, for whom they all felt admiration, gratitude, and loyalty.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in moving the vote of thanks, told a story of a little girl who, in naming a new pussy, preferred to call it "Anti-Suffragette." When it was suggested that this name was hardly a suitable one, the astonished mother was told that the kitten might have a new name when its eyes were opened! She especially thanked Miss Beatrice Harraden for her services that day, and reminded all that quite early in the fight Miss Beatrice Harraden had raised her influential voice in the championship of the militant Suffragists.

Saturday was indeed a busy day, the stalls being crowded with interested sightseers in addition to the earnest sympathisers and friends who were to be seen on every hand. Quite a stir was caused when, following on the afternoon parade of the Suffragette Band, the performers marched through the Exhibition hall, arousing delighted cries of enthusiasm.

A special feature of the Saturday series of entertainments by the Actresses' Franchise League was the performance of Miss Beatrice Harraden's play, "Lady Geraldine's Speech," first printed in VOTES FOR WOMEN. The company included Miss

Beatrice Forbes Robertson. Master Max Darewski, the famous boy musician, also gave a performance. "Enery Brown," "Drollery and Dress," "At the Ribbon Counter," and Mrs. Garrud's Ju-Jitsu Display also drew full houses. The results of Friday's polling showed that the total poll was 598; 286 voted for the abolition of the censorship of plays, and 312 against; majority, 26.

#### Monday.

A woman distinguished in drama was chosen for Monday's opening of the Exhibition—Mrs. Kendall, President of the Actresses' Franchise League. In the course of a most amusing and witty speech Mrs. Kendall related how she had asked her husband during an illness whether she nursed him better or worse as a Suffragette, and how he had admitted that, so far from losing her womanliness when she became a Suffragette, her nursing powers had improved.

The result of Saturday's polling on "Does the Propaganda of the Anti-Suffragists help or hinder the Votes for Women movement?" was announced; the total vote was 1,037, viz.: That it helps, 965; hinders, 72; majority, 887.

The entertainments of the Actresses' Franchise League were again extremely popular; these included an entertainment arranged by Miss Lillah McCarthy; Olive Schreiner's "Dreams," by Mrs. Sydney Keith; and "How the Vote was Won," by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John, with a star cast.

#### Tuesday.

On Tuesday, with Mrs. Pankhurst in the chair, Lady Constance Lytton opened the proceedings. She told how the meaning of the colours had been borne home to her as she rode in Black Maria to Holloway; at first all the world had seemed cut off, but hearing great cheers in the streets, she saw that one of her fellow prisoners was waving her tricolour scarf, and this called forth salutations and greetings all along the route.

Another busy day's work was done by the stallholders and entertainers, and among other novelties a great deal of attention was attracted by a doll dressed by Miss Fanny Brough, in the character of "Lady Proudfoot," now being played by Miss Brough at the Royalty Theatre. "Did you hear him call me his Circassian bride?" was inscribed on the placard fixed to the doll with Miss Fanny Brough's signature. A doll dressed by Miss Gertrude Elliott as "Peggy" in "Mice and Men" was equally popular.

"Lady Geraldine's Speech," by Beatrice Harraden, was again given, and other items in the programme arranged by the Actresses' Franchise League were "A Visit of Mercy," by Madeline Lucette Ryley; "Enery Brown"; songs and recitations; Miss Cicely Hamilton's waxworks; and Miss Fanny Wentworth's entertainment.

The result of Monday's polling on "Should the nation find £72,000 to purchase Holbein's 'Duchess of Milan'?" was declared; Against, 589; For, 112; majority against, 477.

The events of the remaining days will be described in next week's issue. To-day, Friday, Mrs. Garrud is giving another Ju-Jitsu display; Mr. and Mrs. George Giddens are appearing in a sketch; "A Woman's Influence" will again be given, and the Æolian Ladies' Orchestra and the Ellan Vannin Quartette will give selections.

### COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

#### Exhibition at Knightsbridge.

The Woman's Exhibition organised by the National Women's Social and Political Union is evidence, if any were needed, of the ingenuity and determination which characterise the members of that body. There has been arranged a skilful display of women's work which combines artistic interest, satire at the expense of the enemy—the Government—and political propaganda. The decoration of the hall is a striking tribute to the talent of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst. It is carried out in purple, white, and green, the colours of the Union, and takes the form of a symbolic mural decoration, typifying the birth, progress, and ultimate success of the movement, the general idea being indicated by the words, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." From the ideal one descends to the actual, and here we have a faithful and unblushing representation of the methods of warfare which the Union has made peculiarly its own. There is, for example, a continuous photographic history of the Union, with its innumerable struggles and arrests, its air of turmoil, and its strange devices for the achievement of publicity; and one notes in passing the placidity with which the police consent to pose in all the various tableaux. There is what purports to be a repro-



duction of the prison accommodation provided for the male political prisoner, with its air of comfort, in striking juxtaposition to the squalid cell of the "Suffragette," in which to aid the illusion a demure maiden in prison garb works assiduously at bag-making. A third exhibit which cannot fail to attract is a clever reproduction in model of cartoons which have appeared in the weekly organ of the Union. Figures of Cabinet Ministers, policemen, and "Suffragettes," modelled in plasticine and built up of wire and wadding, convey the moral of the cartoon with a degree of novelty that will make this one of the most popular features of the exhibition. Then there are scores of stalls laden with miscellaneous articles from picture-postcards to charming art and needlework, flowers, and farm produce; there is an art section, the paintings being the work of women artists whose sympathies are with the Union; and there is a bookstall of the Woman Writers' Suffrage League with books bearing the authors' autographs for sale. An elaborate programme of entertainments, provided chiefly by the Actresses' Franchise League and their friends, will be given daily in a specially arranged theatre during the continuance of the exhibition, which remains open until the 26th inst.

—*Morning Post.*

The enterprise and industry of the members of the Union would seem to be inexhaustible, and they have contrived to gather together within the limits of the space at their disposal what is practically a pageant of women's progress in the intellectual and industrial world. The scheme of decoration of the hall is the work of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, and is a fine piece of decorative symbolism, carried out in the Union's colours. . . . To their male supporters the Suffragists owe a good deal, and Mr. Laurence Housmann has given with both hands, his woodcuts and his banners making a brave show. The cartoon models are exceedingly clever, and the humour is kept well in hand. The artists have managed to secure in these tiny figures quite remarkable likenesses, and the group of "King Asquith Presenting the Charter to the Suffragist Barons" contains several excellent resemblances.

—*Daily Telegraph.*

The great event of this week is the Suffrage Exhibition, now open, at Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge, from 2.30 to 10.30 p.m., price 1s. A wonderful scheme of decoration in the colours of the W.S.P.U. has been carried out. The stalls are laden with all kinds of articles made and given by women; and as refreshments may be had and entertainments are many, we advise our readers not to miss the chance of an enjoyable afternoon there.

—*Nursing Times.*

It is such a charming, airily coloured bazaar that black coats and top-hats stand out very sombre and lonely. One sees them drifting about like rather untidy rubbish on the stream of dainty frocks and between the banks of pretty stalls. It is suffrage with its very best frock on.

—*Manchester Guardian.*

The Exhibition is full of interest. The stalls are laden. . . . The model Holloway Prison cell, in which a Suffragette prisoner was duly stationed, attracted much interest. Visitors, too, poured into the polling booth, where women who have never voted before are afforded the privilege of dropping a voting paper into a ballot box, and the Union generously allows men to vote too.

—*Daily Chronicle.*

On this Exhibition the ladies have exercised their wonderful talents in organisation to the full, and I should be surprised if any show in London will beat it in interest. The programme is a marvel of completeness, and the list of actors and actresses who are contributing to the various entertainments is a surprising one.

—*Sheffield Daily Telegraph.*

#### SUFFRAGETTE JIU-JITSU.

Thirty Suffragettes are now proficient at jiu-jitsu. Ostensibly they will repel hooligan attacks. Vivid illustrations of another use to which the art may be put were, however, given on Saturday night at the Women's Exhibition now being held at Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge.

The demonstration took the form of a new two-minute drama without words, played in a tiny theatre. The two characters were:

The Policeman.—A six-foot man, weighing quite 15 st.

The Suffragette.—A little woman, scarcely more than 5 ft. high.

The episode resolved itself into a three-round contest between the policeman and the Suffragette. The little woman, despite overwhelmingly adverse odds as regards height and weight, made the policeman lose his dignity, his balance, and his helmet, whereat militant members of the audience shrieked with delight.

"The biggest policeman in London wouldn't get away now," shouted the Suffragette, still standing on the back of her prostrate foe. The applause was redoubled. The little woman was Mine. Garrud, the Suffragettes' instructress in jiu-jitsu. She took three "curtains."

—*Daily Mail.*

#### LAST FOUR DAYS.

##### SPECIAL ATTRACTIVE FEATURES.—REDUCTION OF PRICE OF ADMISSION.

At many Exhibitions the last few days are less interesting than those at the commencement. This will not be the case with the great purple, white, and green Exhibition of the Women's Social and Political Union. So far from being less attractive special new and additional features will be provided, and the interest will be kept right up to the closing hour on Wednesday night.

Further, in order to meet the wishes of a number of people who have expressed their desire to see the Exhibition, but who do not find themselves able to afford the shilling charge for admission, it has been decided to reduce the price after 6.30 p.m. on each one of these days—Saturday, May 22; Monday, May 24; Tuesday, May 25; Wednesday, May 26, to half price. That is to say, 6d. in the case of adults and 3d. in the case of children, all those under sixteen being reckoned as children. The special arrangements for each day are as follows:—

##### Saturday, May 22.

The centre of the hall will be cleared, and special arrangements will be made for tea parties in the space so provided. Special entertainments are being conducted throughout the whole day. "How the Vote was Won," by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John, will be performed at 4.30; "A Suffrage Episode," by Miss Rita Millman, at 5.45; "The Apple," by Inez Bensusan, at 8; and the well-known Morris Dances by the Esperance Club will be given as the last performance of the evening. Entertainments will go on, not only in the theatre, but in the space which will be cleared in the centre of the hall. In the Polling Booth the subject (by special request of teachers) will be "Should Married Women be Excluded from Teaching in the Nation's Schools?"

##### Monday, May 24.

Monday, May 24, being Empire day, will be made in the Exhibition a special children's day, and children under sixteen will be admitted *all day* for the price of 3d. In the centre of the hall entertainments for children will be given; lucky tubs with 1d. dips and other amusements will be provided. Children can have tea for 6d. each, and everything will be done to make the little ones happy. A magnificent programme is being provided in the theatre, including "Lady Geraldine's Speech," at 4.30; "Love in a Railway Train," at 5.45; "How the Vote was Won," at 8 o'clock; and "La Suffragetta," at 9.15. In the Polling Booth the subject will be "Should our Colonies be represented in the Imperial Parliament?"

##### Tuesday, May 25.

A specially attractive programme is being provided on Tuesday, including a concert at 3.15, various plays at 4.30, "A Woman's Influence" at 5.45, and Miss Cicely Hamilton's Wax-works at 8 o'clock. In addition to this an auction will take place in the evening of some of those goods not hitherto disposed of. The name of the auctioneer will be announced later, and it is expected that a very great deal of amusement will be derived from this part of the entertainment. In the Polling Booth the subject will be "Should Women be Policemen?"

##### Wednesday, May 26.

Wednesday, May 26, the last and crowning day of the Exhibition, will be packed full of entertainment from the opening to the close. Every one of the performances in the theatre will be specially attractive. Miss Rita Millman's "Suffrage Episode" will be performed at 3.15, Miss Forbes Robertson's play at 4.30, another play will be given at 5.45, and "How the Vote was Won" at 8.45. Both in the afternoon and in the evening auctions will take place in the centre of the hall, and the Exhibition will close at 10.30 on Wednesday night to the strains of the Marseillaise from the Drum and Fife Band.



## "MAIDS, NOT MATRONS!"

By "EUGENIST."

There is an unfortunate counterblast to the "Triumph of the Women Teachers" referred to on page 622 of May 8 enlarged issue of VOTES FOR WOMEN, upon the contents and appearance of which all readers will unite in offering hearty congratulations.

Unlike the West Ham Educational Authority, which recognises the success of women teachers by employing them in increased numbers, a certain sub-committee of the London County Council has brought forward the astounding proposal to terminate the engagements of trained and certificated women teachers solely because they are married.

I am not now proposing to call in question the wisdom or otherwise of these ladies in exchanging their free and unfettered state for the responsibilities of matrimony; but I do desire to protest emphatically against honourable marriage being treated by public administrators as a disqualification for the duty of educating children. Surely this is both unnatural and unjust—unnatural, because in nature the training of the young is always left to experienced parents or foster-parents; unjust, because the terms of engagement made no mention of compulsory celibacy. Many of them have devoted years to the study of their profession, and, with ripened experience, are now at their very best. They were drawn to this work by a love for it, and as the years have rolled on their love has increased. To cut such teachers off from the opportunities of further usefulness to their day and generation would be a distinct loss to the community, and would involve a great hardship upon many.

But what of the effect upon their scholars? Will the brilliant, highly educated young lady, fresh from her triumphs at college, be able to show as much kindly sympathy with the failings of the little waifs of our slums as the married teacher, perhaps with bairns of her own? "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," says the poet. To the patience and wisdom of the married women in their dealings with our elementary school children is surely due much of their success. Both for scholars and young unmarried teachers and pupil-teachers the presence of a few level-headed, "motherly" women in a school is most wholesome and helpful. But if "Maids, not Matrons!" is to be the watchword of the male rulers of London's educational system, if single young women teachers—often living far from their country homes and relatives—are to be entirely dependent upon the goodwill of men for securing appointments, increases of salary, and promotion, a sinister condition of affairs may arise as, alas! in other callings, where unmarried women have to labour under male management.

This proposal to restrict the right of women to develop and exercise their powers for promoting the public good and advancing their own legitimate interests raises important questions to all women workers. If married teachers are attacked to-day, why not authoresses, artists, actresses, or charwomen to-morrow?

Hence I trust the W.S.P.U. will bring its powerful influence to bear in the cause of social and industrial freedom and justice, alike for married and unmarried women workers.

### WOMEN AND RESEARCH.

Somerville College, Oxford, is offering, for the third time, a Research Fellowship of the annual value of £120, tenable for three years. The previous fellowships were conferred on Miss E. Jamieson, whose researches were directed to the constitutional history of the reign of Roger II. of Sicily, and Miss F. Isaac, who conducted inquiries into the nature and properties of super-saturated crystalline solutions and mixtures. Candidature is open to all women who have resided in Oxford for two years and obtained honours in some University examination, or who have taken honours at Cambridge or at Trinity College, Dublin.

## PROGRESS OF WOMEN.

### The Rights of the Child.

A Bill to shield the illegitimate child will shortly be introduced into the Norwegian Storting. It makes the proved father of an illegitimate child liable to be registered as the parent, and gives the child its father's name. It compels the father to support the mother for three months before confinement and nine months after, if necessary, and makes him liable to support the child till it is sixteen. A Norwegian newspaper correspondent writes:—"Even if the Storting's members were not in favour of its provisions they would not dare to reject them, because the general elections are due this summer, and for the first time the women will have the franchise."

### Women Pharmacists.

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has decided to award the Society's silver medal, which is equal to second place in the same competition as that for the Pereira medal, to Miss Grace Mary Neve. Last year, it will be remembered, the Pereira medal itself, the highest distinction the Society can confer, was awarded to a woman, Miss Gertrude Holland Wren.

### Women in Public Work.

It is encouraging to note how women's public work is being recognised in various parts of the country. At West Wycombe, Deeping, and Thornborough women have been elected churchwardens, and the Wigan Board of Guardians decided, by eighteen votes to eight, to send two women to represent them at the Central Poor-law Conference in London, and the Bethnal Green Board of Guardians have unanimously elected one of their women members as junior vice-chairman of the board. Paisley, recognising the claim of women as well as men to the honour of the freedom of the Burgh, has, for the first time, admitted two women as burgesses. They are Mrs. Polson, who gave £10,000 for the improvement of the ancient Cross of Paisley, and Mrs. Stewart Clerk, who instituted a fund of £12,000 for incurables. The burgesses' tickets were contained in massive silver gilt caskets.

### The Suffrage in the U.S.A.

The Chicago Suffragists are rejoicing over their victory in the Charter Convention, which, after a short debate, adopted the plank which provides for municipal woman suffrage by twenty votes to twelve. The question now goes to the State Legislature. Mrs. Stewart, the State President, has raised the funds to carry on the campaign.

In Nebraska, the Senate, by a vote of eighteen to thirteen, rejected the unfavourable committee report which recommended that the constitutional amendment granting full suffrage to women should be indefinitely postponed, and placed the measure on file. The Bill had already passed the House by more than a three-fifths vote, and if the women can secure one more vote in the Senate, they will have three-fifths there also.

Three times as many members of the Massachusetts Legislature voted in favour of full suffrage for women this year as on the last occasion when the measure came before them.

The Colorado Legislature has passed the Bill requiring an eight-hour day for women employed in laundries, and in mercantile and mechanical establishments. This Bill and fourteen others were introduced by Mrs. Alma V. Lafferty, the only woman member of the House, and all have passed.

Recently 16,000 Suffragettes, many of them accompanied by their children, effected a peaceful occupation of the State capital of Illinois. They were under the leadership of Mrs. F. Gurney Stubbs, and a feature of the proceedings was the unrolling of a monster petition bearing the names of 15,000 voteless women. This was draped round the Galleries like a gigantic ribbon. The legislators listened to the women's arguments with patience and sympathy.

### Women in India.

The *India Magazine* for March gives an interesting account of the part taken in the Madras Conference by Indian women. "For the first time," it says, "a caste woman in Madras addressed a public audience, and Indian men seemed to have been surprised and pleased that the women could speak so well. The women certainly proved that on subjects which concerned them they could speak with practical common-sense, and India has come into line with the great feminist movement now spreading all over the world, irrespective of geographical and racial boundaries. The sisterhood of women is complementary, not antagonistic, to the brotherhood of man, and means the united strength of man and woman in the combat against ignorance and evil."



## ADVERTISING THE EXHIBITION.

### The Drum and Fife Band.

The long-looked-for first appearance in public of the Drum and Fife Band took place on Saturday morning, when a large crowd gathered at the foot of Kingsway to see the band start on its march to the Prince's Skating Rink. The smart uniform, in the colours of the W.S.P.U., attracted very great attention, and many comments were heard among the crowd as to the versatility of the Suffragettes. "What will they do next?" people were asking; to which the reply was, "What can they do next?"

Mrs. Leigh, one of the most energetic workers in the militant cause, acted as Drum-Major, carrying the handsome silver mace in truly martial fashion. Miss Joan Dugdale was banner-bearer, and there were four girl drummers followed by the big drum and the fifes.

Behind the band a large banner was carried announcing the Exhibition, and bringing up the rear was a coach drawn by four white horses gaily caparisoned with the tri-colour, and led by four grooms in uniform.

Punctually at 11.30 the Drum-Major gave the signal, and

exercised under the direction of military non-commissioned officers. The strange sight of a feminine band attracted the attention of a considerable number of passers-by, and in some of the busier streets the crowds became so dense that the traffic had to be temporarily held up. By this latest enterprise the Suffragists have got rid of the last vestige of "mere man" at their demonstrations.

—*News of the World.*

An agency says:—"To-morrow the Suffragette Drum and Fife Band will make its first public appearance." They should call it the Drummond Fife Band.—*Star.*

#### An Echo of the Suffragettes' Dreadnought.

The Suffragettes have been on the warpath again. Truly age cannot wither nor custom stale the infinite variety of their quaint manoeuvres. . . . The enchanting result was that this afternoon, just when troops of members were entertaining their friends and themselves in the sunshine on the terrace, a gay and festive launch hove alongside. Banners and advertisements of the cause fluttered from stem to stern of the little vessel, which was conspicuously labelled by a happy inspiration, "The Suffragist Dreadnought." It was, as a youthful sportsman from "another place" observed, ripping. The crew of pretty ladies beamed seraphically. . . . Members laughed and fumbled with the sugar and the tea things, but



The Drum and Fife Band in the Streets.

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"The News of the  
World."

the procession started off at a smart rate to the tune of "The Marseillaise," marching to the Prince's Skating Rink through High Holborn, New Oxford Street, Oxford Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, and through Piccadilly to Knightsbridge. The public, at first surprised, frequently expressed admiration as the band passed, and large crowds accompanied the women the whole of the way, in one or two places people gathering in such large numbers that the traffic was temporarily held up.

The band arrived at the Skating Rink playing the strains of "See, the Conquering Hero Comes," and caused a great diversion inside the building by marching round the Rink between the stalls.

Later the women again marched through the streets to Piccadilly Circus and back, once more rousing a great amount of interest and admiration, and calling forth many expressions of encouragement from the passers-by.

The band is parading in the streets every evening while the Exhibition lasts, i.e., until May 26.

#### PRESS COMMENTS.

All the bandwomen were attired in special uniforms, the colours of the material representing the Union's colours. This is said to be the first amazon drum and fife band which has ever existed. Preparations for the parade had been in progress for many weeks, and, in order to become thoroughly proficient, the twenty-nine members of the band went through a course of drill and physical

they felt and looked awkward. Private Mulvaney would have given a quarter's back pay to see the fixed countenance and helpless stare of the policemen on duty as they received cheery greetings from the launch. There was an ill-concealed tremor in the legislative ranks. . . . Finally, having fired off their ammunition, the ladies yielded to the fervent appeals of the utterly impotent police launch, which was quite outclassed in competition with the "Suffragette Dreadnought," and steamed off in triumph, with ear-splitting musical honours. If this sort of thing is going to happen frequently Sir John Fisher will have to reorganise the fleet over again and station a torpedo flotilla off Westminster Bridge. The best comment was Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh's. "That," said the little Nationalist member when the battle was over, "was a contingent Dreadnought all right."—*Liverpool Daily Courier.*

The mounted detachments with the Suffragette sash over the riding habit, which has become almost familiar in London, may be the subject of some scoffing, but the man is a fool who does not see that some of these ladies are in as deadly earnest as the Royalist troopers who rode behind Rupert.—*Irish News.*

### THE WOMAN'S PRESS,

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## OUR POST BOX.

## TRIBUTES.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—At the World's Anti-Slavery Convention in London, in 1840, which my parents attended, the female delegates were not allowed to appear on the platform or address the assembly. As a protest against this prohibition, William Lloyd Garrison, the great abolitionist, who had crossed the Atlantic for the Convention, declined to take any part in the proceedings, and sat with his lady colleagues in a side gallery. He lived to see the negro emancipated, about a generation later. But a long lifetime has elapsed since that protest of his on behalf of women, and they are still, on many platforms, denied a hearing. Their cause had been well pleaded; only of late years, however, since the devoted and indomitable Suffragettes began their bloodless campaign and raised their battle-cry of freedom has that cause advanced rapidly to the forefront.

In a recent letter, William Lloyd Garrison's son, Francis J. Garrison, writes from his home in Massachusetts:—"By the way, I am following the progress of the Suffragette agitation in Great Britain with deep interest, and find the weekly VOTES FOR WOMEN exceedingly good reading and thoroughly alive."—Yours, etc.,

DEBORAH WEBB.

9, Garville Road, Dublin.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—As an unconscious tribute to the influence the W.S.P.U. exerts at bye-elections, I feel that the remark of an exceedingly irate Liberal, made to us at one of the polling stations at Stratford-on-Avon on polling day, is too good not to be given wider publicity. By distributing our little leaflets, "Keep the Liberal out," he said we were "intimidating the voters," and that we ought not to be allowed to stand where we were, but should be "made to go into the highway." One would also like to mention the clergyman who waved us aside with "No, I have nothing to do with women"; the patriot who said, "We must put our country first before attending to you"; the policeman who exclaimed, "Ladies, you've as much, if not more, brains than most of the men"; and the beery individual who, with a grandiloquent wave of his hand, said, majestically, "I've give one lady the vote" (he had signed the Freedom League's card to Mr. Asquith), "that must do."—Yours, etc.,

A BYE-ELECTION WORKER.

## THE GIFT OF TWO VOTES.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—I hold that, with the exception of war with a great Power, the most important question in politics, present or future, is that of removing the sex barrier and giving votes to women on the same qualifications as to men.

I have two votes in London constituencies, and shall certainly use them according to W.S.P.U. recommendations, and many of my friends who own house property are ready to do the same.—Yours, etc.,

E. MAITLAND (COL.)

Westbourne Mansions, Westbourne Terrace, W.

May 10, 1909.

## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—The following parallel may be of interest to your readers. The American colonies were lost to Britain by the attempt of Grenville's Government, under George III., to tax the colonies without giving them representation in Parliament.

Lord Camden, in the House of Lords, February 23, 1766, while speaking on this question, said:—

"My position is this: I will maintain it with my latest breath: Taxation and representation are inseparable. This position is founded on the laws of nature. It is more: it is an eternal law of nature; for whatever is a man's own is absolutely his own. No man has a right to take it from him without his consent, either expressed by himself or his representa-

tives. Whoever attempts to do so attempts an injury. Whoever does it commits a robbery. He throws down and destroys the distinction between liberty and slavery."—Yours, etc.,

HELEN OGSTON.

## A QUESTION OF JUSTICE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—The case of the girl Charlotte Stacey ought to be a matter for public scrutiny. Had Mr. Curtis Bennett dealt with this case in a summary manner, as he dealt with Mrs. Drummond and other Suffragettes for whom I had the honour of giving evidence, the girl would have been imprisoned as a felon and her character ruined. She was sent for trial, though manifestly innocent—so palpably and obviously innocent that there was no case for the crown, and the prosecuting counsel declined to offer evidence.

I have written to the Treasury Solicitor about this case. In Germany the girl would not only get redress, but also compensation. Was this girl sent from cell to cell in the Black Maria van? How was she confined? How was she treated? I suppose with the fiendish and infernal cruelty described so vividly in the *Daily News* of May 12, quoted in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN.

I venture on another question: If the magistrate was so hopelessly wrong in Miss Stacey's case, was I not right in my view that he was as obviously and even more absurdly and inexplicably wrong in Mrs. Drummond's case? How many women are tried and convicted in an arbitrary manner yearly before police magistrates? How many are tried and sentenced in an hour?—Yours, etc.,

T. M. MAGUIRE.

2, Hump Court, Temple, E.C., May 14, 1909.

[The case is one in which a barmaid, Charlotte Stacey, was committed for trial at the London Sessions. The action of Mr. Curtis Bennett, a police-court magistrate, in committing her for trial, was criticised by counsel when the case was called. Marked money was passed over the counter of the Balham Hotel, and most of the coins were found in the till and not one on accused. "The detectives," counsel said, "admitted that there was nothing suspicious in the woman's conduct. I submitted to the magistrate," he continued, "that there was no case to commit her for trial, but he insisted on doing so." The jury returned a formal verdict of "Not guilty," and the woman was set at liberty.]

## A CARAVAN HOLIDAY.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—May I call the attention of your readers to the fact that the "Votes for Women" caravan will be touring round the Midlands during the summer months? A lady has taken charge of the driving and organising, and I want now promises of speakers for the whole time. Any of the members who can speak and can give ten days or a fortnight during any part of June, July, and August I am sure would find it most interesting and delightful work. The caravan will accommodate three or four people; therefore, two friends could come at the same time. It is expected that we shall leave Malvern at Whitsuntide, and make our way through various villages, touching the towns of Warwick and Coventry, and work our way along the country roads to Shrewsbury and Wellington. I am anxious to complete my list of speakers at once, and therefore I should like promises from speakers immediately.—Yours, etc.,

49, Bristol Street, Birmingham.

GLADICE G. KEEVIL.

## A BUSY WORKER.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—You will be interested to hear that Miss Billingshurst has been staying at an hotel on the front here, making a great sensation going up and down propelling her chair and selling W.S.P.U. literature. I only found her out one evening on my way to secure a member, and, seeing the vehicle outside the hotel, made her acquaintance as soon as she saw my colours. I joined her the next morning in selling VOTES FOR WOMEN. She sold a quantity of literature the week she was here, and people say she was the best advertisement we have had here.—Yours, etc.,

M. BERTRAM JONES.

10, Southfields Road, Eastbourne.

[The letter under the heading "A Disclaimer" in our issue of May 7 should have been signed Madeline Gandell, not Garedell.—Ed., VOTES FOR WOMEN.]



## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## The Exhibition.

We wish to remind readers that there are only five more days to the close of the Women's Exhibition at Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge; the Exhibition is open every day (with the exception of Sunday) until next Wednesday, 26th. So great have been the demands upon the refreshment stall that we are asked to inform readers that contributions in kind will be welcome during the remaining days. Chickens, hams, tongues, cakes, sweets, strawberries and cream, tins of apricots, pears, peaches, and pineapples, bread, butter, tea and coffee, sugar and milk may be sent to the Hon. Secretaries, Refreshment Stall, W.S.P.U. Exhibition, Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge. Admission to the Exhibition is 1s., and as the tickets are not dated they can be bought in advance, and used on either of the remaining days. On the four remaining days, Saturday, May 22; Monday, May 24; Tuesday, May 25; and Wednesday, May 26, admission will be half-price after 6.30 p.m.; that is to say, 6d. in the case of adults, and 3d. in the case of children, all those under sixteen being reckoned as children.

## The Drum and Fife Band.

The newly organised Drum and Fife Band will continue to parade through the streets of the West End, starting from Prince's Skating Rink, every night while the Exhibition lasts. Volunteers are wanted to join the band, especially those who are able to give time during the day. At present it is practically impossible for the band to turn out except in the evenings, with the exception of Saturdays. To-morrow (Saturday) a procession will start from Oxford Circus at 2.30 p.m., headed by the Drum and Fife Band, and will march to Prince's Skating Rink, whence it will go out several times during the day to advertise the Exhibition. Women willing to take part in this procession, and more particularly to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN in the streets, should communicate with Miss Jessie Kenney, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., at once.

## Empire Day.

Next Monday, May 24, will be a special children's day at the Exhibition, and children under sixteen will be admitted all day for 3d. Details of the magnificent programme of attractions will be found on page 691. There will also be a procession, starting from the Exhibition at 7 o'clock in the evening, headed by the Drum and Fife Band, when special flags will be carried.

## The At Homes.

The Thursday evening At Home will take place, as usual, next Thursday evening (May 27), at St. James's Hall, at 8 p.m., when the financial result of the Exhibition will be announced. It is expected that a very large number of members and friends will be present on that occasion. The next Monday afternoon At Home will take place on June 7, at the Queen's Hall, at 3 p.m.

## Sunday Meetings.

Meetings are now being held on Sunday in many of the public parks in and around London. Next Sunday Miss Mary Gawthorpe will speak in Hyde Park, at 3.30 p.m.

## Mrs. Pankhurst at Edinburgh.

Next Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m., Mrs. Pankhurst will address a meeting at the Synod Hall, Edinburgh. Workers are wanted to help to make this meeting known throughout the city. Names should be sent in at once to Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, 8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street, Edinburgh.

## St. James's Theatre, June 15.

At the great meeting to take place in the St. James's Theatre, King Street, S.W., on Tuesday, June 15, at 3 p.m., the chair will be taken by Mrs. Pankhurst, and the speakers will be the Earl of Lytton, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, and Miss Gladice Keovil. The theatre has been kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. George Alexander. Tickets, price 5s., 4s., 3s., 2s., and 1s., can be obtained from the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. A few boxes are available.

## Patricia Woodlock's Release.

On the next day, June 16, Miss Patricia Woodlock will be released from Holloway. Preparations for giving her a welcome worthy of her great services to the W.S.P.U. are well in hand, and will be announced in next week's VOTES FOR WOMEN.

## The Deputation, June 29.

The names of those intending to take part in the deputation to the Prime Minister on June 29 are coming in well. Every one who wishes to have the honour of belonging to the deputation should send in her name as soon as possible to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. In preparation for this deputation a great campaign is being organised throughout London; as workers are wanted to take part in this, the names of those anxious to help should be sent in at once.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

May Fri. 21	Exhibition, Prince's Skating Rink, 2.30 to 10.30 p.m. Plymouth, At Home, Royal Hotel Hammermith, Open-air Mtg. Brighton Edinburgh, Open-air Meeting, Abbey Street Birmingham, Stratford Road Manchester, At Home, Onward Buildings, Deansgate	Miss Vera Wentworth Miss Barbara Ayrton Mrs. Mayer Miss Macaulay Mrs. Beattie Smith Miss Dora Marsden, Miss Rona Robinson, Miss Mary Phillips	3.30 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8.10 p.m.
Sat. 22	Exhibition, Prince's Skating Rink, 2.30 to 10.30 p.m. Manchester, 164, Oxford Road London, Oxford Circus Queensbury, Open-air meetg. Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street Aberdeen, Garden Party, Westbourne House Ferry Edinburgh, The Mound West Kensington, Open-air Meeting Brighton Southport, At Home Highgate, Archway Tavern Wood Green, Open-air meetg. Birmingham, Cycling Scouts Leeds, Woodhouse Moor Hampstead Heath	Members meet Procession with Drum and Fife Band Miss Crocker Miss McLean Miss Adela Pankhurst Miss Macaulay Mrs. Mayer Miss Bonwick Dr. Helena Jones Miss Crocker Miss Barbara Ayrton, Miss Lowy Miss Naylor Miss Higgins, Miss Dawson Miss Margaret Cameron, Miss Roe Miss Hewitt, Miss Braekenbury Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Mrs. Massey, Miss Mackenzie Miss Una Dugdale, Miss Corson, Miss Georgina Braekenbury Mrs. Tanner Miss G. M. Hazel	10.30 a.m. 2.30 p.m. 3 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 3.30 and 6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 11.30 a.m. 3 p.m. 3 p.m. 3 p.m. 3 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.15 p.m.
Sun. 23	Blackheath Peckham Rye Clapham Common Wimbledon Common Finsbury Park Putney Heath Hyde Park Regent's Park Battersea Park Birmingham, Small Heath Park Gates	Children's Day. Admission (under 16) 3d. Special Sandwich Parade Procession with Drum and Fife Band Miss Macaulay Miss Mayo	7 p.m. 8 p.m. 8.45 p.m.
Mon. 24	Exhibition, Prince's Skating Rink, 2.30 to 10.30 p.m. Manchester, Empire Day London, Prince's Skating Rink Edinburgh, Toll Cross Chelsea, 4, Trafalgar Studios, Speaker's Class	Miss Gladice Keovil, Miss Rona Robinson, Miss Dora Marsden Bowes Park W.S.P.U. Miss Mary Phillips Procession with Drum and Fife Band Miss Mary Phillips Miss Dora Marsden, Miss Gladice Keovil Miss Macaulay	3.5 p.m. 3.15 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 7 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.10 p.m. 8 p.m.
Tue. 25	Exhibition, Prince's Skating Rink, 2.30 to 10.30 p.m. Manchester, At Home, Memorial Hall, Albert Square Wood Green, Unity Hall Birmingham, At Home, Midland Hotel London, Prince's Skating Rink Birmingham, Priory Rooms, Old Square Liverpool, At Home, 48, Mount Pleasant Edinburgh, Haymarket Ilford, opposite Station	Miss New Miss Dora Marsden Procession with Drum and Fife Band Miss Macaulay Miss Mary Phillips Dr. Helena Jones Chelsea W.S.P.U. Miss Ogston Miss Dora Marsden, Miss Tolson Miss Bonwick Mrs. Pankhurst Miss Christabel Pankhurst Miss Naylor	3.5 and 8.10 p.m. 3.5 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8.30 p.m. 3.5 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m.
Wed. 26	Exhibition, Prince's Skating Rink, 2.30 to 10.30 p.m. Newcastle-on-Tyne, At Home, Crosby's Café Manchester, Mrs. Leo Grindon's "Life Study" Class, Parker's, St. Anne's Square London, Prince's Skating Rink Edinburgh, The Mound Wolverhampton, St. Peter's Institute Birmingham, Stratford Place, Camp Hill Chelsea, 93, Oakley Street Burgess Hill Chorlton, Mrs. Atwood's Drawing-room Meeting Finsbury Park Edinburgh, Synod Hall London, At Home, St. James's Hall Thornton Heath, Open-air Meeting, Clock Tower Birmingham, 14, Ethel Street Hammermith, Open-air Meeting Brighton Wanstead, Open-air Meeting Birmingham, Stratford Road Manchester, At Home, Onward Buildings, Deansgate	Miss Una Dugdale Mrs. Henry Mrs. Beattie Smith Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rona Robinson, Miss Dora Marsden Miss Underwood Hornsey W.S.P.U. Miss Barbara Ayrton, Mrs. Mayer Miss Una Dugdale	11.45 a.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8.10 p.m. 3 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Thu. 27	Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street Crouch End, Open-air Mtg., Clock Tower West Kensington, Open-air Meeting Brighton		
Fri. 28			
Sat. 29			

## IMPORTANT FUTURE EVENTS.

June 7	London, Queen's Hall Public Meeting, St. James's Theatre, King Street, St. James's	Mrs. Pankhurst, Earl Lytton, and others.	3 p.m. 3 p.m.
15	Release of Patricia Woodlock London	Holloway Gates Deputation to the Prime Minister	8 a.m.



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The Women's Social and Political Union are NOT asking for a vote for every woman, but simply that sex shall cease to be a disqualification for the franchise.

At present men who pay rates and taxes, who are owners occupiers, lodgers, or have the service or university franchise possess the Parliamentary vote. The Women's Social and Political Union claim that women who fulfil the same conditions shall also enjoy the franchise.

It is estimated that when this claim has been conceded, about a million and a quarter women will possess the vote, in addition to the seven and a-half million men who are at present enfranchised.

The Women's Social and Political Union claim that a simple measure, giving the vote to women on these terms, shall be passed immediately.

## TACTICS FOR LIBERAL WOMEN.

The most exciting and important discussion of the Women's Liberal Federation Conference last week was that which took place on the resolution moved by the Cuckfield Women's Liberal Association. This resolution raised the question of the attitude to be adopted by Liberal women towards the present Government. It read as follows:—

That in the opinion of this Council, unless the Enfranchisement of Women be included in an Electoral Reform Act, or (should no such Act be passed), unless the Liberal party when they appeal to the country make Woman Suffrage a plank in their platform, the time will have arrived for a definite refusal on the part of Liberal women to work at Parliamentary elections.

This proposal was defeated by a large majority as being too extreme, but, compared with the policy of the Women's Social and Political Union, the Cuckfield proposal was conciliatory to a fault. Indeed, no resolution which laid down easier terms for the Government could well have been conceived. It was evidently with the object of devising a policy which would find the largest possible measure of support that the resolution had been drawn on these lines; but, as

the event proved, those members of the Women's Liberal Federation who are trying to make the Government carry out Liberal principles have nothing to gain by compromise, for not even the moderate proposals which they submitted to the Conference were approved by the majority of the delegates. By rejecting the Cuckfield resolution, the Women's Liberal Federation have adopted as their motto, "Our party, right or wrong," and have refused to make even the slightest sacrifice of party to principle. For it was indeed a small sacrifice which they were asked to make.

The revolt which obedience to the resolution would have involved amounted to nothing more than a refusal to work for the Liberal party at Parliamentary elections—a simple withdrawal from the political field. Subject as the Government are to vigorous attack from the Women's Social and Political Union, the negative policy proposed by the Cuckfield resolution would have seemed to them but a slight injury. But even this mild form of protest was not to be made immediately. The Government were to have every possible indulgence as to time. Instead of demanding that while they are in office and have the power to do it, they shall carry a measure of women's enfranchisement, the resolution offered to the Government the alternative course of making Votes for Women a plank in their political platform at the next General Election. This was bad bargaining indeed, for, acting on the principle of choosing the lesser of two evils, the Government would certainly prefer the plan of including a measure of Woman Suffrage in their General Election manifesto to that of placing such a measure on the Statute Book during their present term of office.

An excellent feature of the Cuckfield resolution was that it treated the Government, and the Government alone, as the party responsible for giving or withholding women's enfranchisement, and left out of account the private member, who, as every practical politician knows, is powerless, even if he were willing, to take the initiative in this matter. Nothing has done more to delay the success of the Woman Suffrage movement than the wasteful and futile expenditure of time and energy on securing pledges of support from rank and file members of Parliament. The only scientific way of dealing with the private member is to treat him as a private soldier subject to the orders of his political superiors.

The supporters of the Cuckfield resolution have made their attempt to redeem the Women's Liberal Federation from a position of utter subservience to party. In the hope of inducing the whole Federation to make a united stand in the political interests of their sex, they have resorted to compromise, and have tried to secure acceptance of a policy which, as they cannot fail to realise, is certain to be ineffectual. This effort to bring the laggards into line has failed, and there is now but one course left to them. If the need of Votes for Women were less acute, if the possibility of an early General Election were less strong, there might be something to be said for the plan of conducting a campaign of argument and education within the Women's Liberal Federation, with the object of bringing its members by gradual stages to the point of revolting against the Liberal leaders, but since the question of Votes for Women is for many reasons one of urgency, such a plan of campaign is a mistake. It is far better that those Liberal women who are politically awake should now, without a moment's delay, and without waiting for others to follow them, oppose the Government which is pursuing so illiberal a policy in regard to the political rights of women. This example would do more than any amount of debate and discussion to convince other women of the need of an anti-Government policy. Moreover, since success depends less upon numbers than upon tactics and enthusiasm, the vote could be wrested from the Government of the day before the slow-moving majority had come to the point of action.

Christabel Pankhurst.





[Reproduced from the beautiful design by Sylvia Pankhurst on the South Wall of the Exhibition.]

[PHOTO BY A. H. BROOM.]

## THE WOMAN WENT FORTH TO SOW.

It was cold as winter still, though the snow had disappeared. The bosom of the earth was cold. And the grey mists clung about it like a shroud. But at the hour of dawn the loud, clear note of the storm-thrush was to be heard calling: "Hope! Hope! Hope!" and "Courage! Courage!" One soul only was awake to his call. That was a woman. All through the night she had watched for the morning. Her heart leapt as she heard the voice of the dawn-bird, leapt in joyful response to his call. She arose. And the woman went forth to sow. So long had the dreariness and death of winter lain upon the land that men and women had lost their faith in life and in the full tide of summer. All the human voices that the woman heard called upon her to desist from labour which they said was doomed to be lost. But she turned a deaf ear to their call because the song of the bird sang in her soul and had awakened an echo there.

Alone she went forth to sow her seed upon the field that had been prepared by the plough and the harrow. And the seed was Freedom and the field was the Heart of Womanhood, furrowed by the ploughshare of humiliation. She carried the seed of flowers, too, and planted them in the hedgerows as she passed; the seed of joy and comradeship and loyalty and love, she sowed upon the earth that had lain barren for so long.

The cold clay clogged her feet, and made heavy her going, so that her body ached with weariness. Ravens croaked and magpies chattered in the stark trees and the crows swooped down and picked up the seeds so laboriously scattered. And the dank mists chilled her and filled her with an overwhelming sense of desolation and loneliness till she remem-

bered the song that came at the dawn and bade her take hope and courage.

And she thought of the children, whose feet would one day stand amongst the flowers, and she thought of the hungry world that was waiting to be fed.

And Spring came. The seed sprang up, a tiny blade. And a green flame ran over the field. Now the larks sang, lost in the blue heaven, and the swallows came back from the warm and sunny South. And when they saw the pansy, the forget-me-not and the rose, they would not believe that there had ever been winter, but thought it had been summer all the while.

The field grew golden towards harvest. Until one day the whole world was filled with the song of the reapers.

And the woman that went forth in the grey morning when the song of hope and courage lived in her soul and in her soul alone, came again with rejoicing. And with her on one side was the angel of Hope clad in the green garment of the Spring, and on the other the angel of Courage in the purple robes of summer whose folds lie visible over distant hills. And in their hands were harps, and they sang the song of birth and fruition.

And the woman knew the song, for it was the same that the storm-thrush had sung at the dawn of the cold, desolate day. It was the same that had lived in her heart and had made her deaf to all the voices of doubt, derision and despair. For it is the eternal song of life universal, the song of the birth and fruition of the whole creation.

**Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.**



# THE CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

## LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES.

Office: 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

are concentrating all our attention up to the 26th on the exhibition at Prince's Skating Rink. In order to advertise this we have had a kite flying in the City, and on Saturday a great sensation was caused in the London streets by the first appearance of the Drum and Fife Band. Its first march was a very great success, and it is going through the streets each evening during the Exhibition. More recruits are wanted, and those anxious to join should send in their names at once to the Band Secretary, Miss Irene Dallas, 4, Clements Inn. For special announcements of the band's parades to-morrow (Saturday) and Monday (Empire Day) see page 695.

**Outdoor Workers Wanted.**—Workers are wanted for outdoor work every day at Clements Inn at 10.30 and 2.30, but those who live near Kensington will save time by calling at the Kensington shop in Church Street, where Miss Ainsworth is in charge and will set them to work. We want members and friends to help us in making the Exhibition more widely known day by day. Every day something must be done to keep London aware of what is going on at Prince's Skating Rink. Will helpers please communicate at once with us at 4, Clements Inn?

**Outdoor Meetings.**—In addition to the meeting in Hyde Park on Sunday afternoon, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst addressed a great crowd of people, successful meetings were held on Hampstead Heath, in Regent's Park, and in other public places. Next Sunday Miss Mary Gawthorpe will speak in Hyde Park at 3.30 p.m.

**Drawing-room Meetings.**—Among other meetings arranged in the near future is an evening reception on June 3, kindly given by Mrs. Löwy, at 76, Holland Park, when the speaker will be Mrs. Pankhurst. Another evening At Home will be given in June by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., when Miss Evelyn Sharp will speak. We want more of these meetings arranged, and shall be very glad to hear from anyone able to place their drawing-room at the disposal of our speakers.

**Deputation to the Prime Minister.**—As soon as the Exhibition closes a great campaign will be opened in London with a view to rousing public interest in the deputation to the Prime Minister on Tuesday, June 29. London will be mapped out into districts, and the organising of each will be under the care of a specially appointed organiser. Volunteers for this work should send in their names without delay, so that we may make our arrangements in good time.

Flora Drummond.

## WEST OF ENGLAND.

**Shop and Committee Rooms.**—37, Queen's Road (opposite Art Gallery), Clifton. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**At Homes.**—Bristol: Victoria Rooms, every Monday, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Bath: Beau Nash Rooms, every Saturday, 3.30 p.m.

Plymouth: Royal Hotel, every Friday, 3.30.

Torquay: Swiss Café, 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

**Important Event.**—June 2, St. John's Hall, Penzance, Cornwall, 7.30. Speakers: Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton. Chairman, Miss Annie Kenney.

The work on which we are concentrating all our attention just now, while others who can be in London are busy at the Exhibition, is the working up of Bristol in four constituencies. These have been arranged as follows:—North, Mr. Birrell's constituency, Mrs. Paul, leader; South, Mr. Howell Davies' constituency, a leader wanted; East, Mr. Hobhouse's constituency, Miss Hay, leader; West, Mr. Gibbs' constituency, Mrs. Barratt, leader. Each leader will take a committee-room in the heart of her constituency, find out the best halls and open spaces for meetings, and arrange a consecutive plan of campaign, with three meetings a day, beginning on May 24. As an instance of what may be done in a short time, I should like to tell readers how Mrs. Barratt, with her usual energy and enterprise, started off immediately after these arrangements had been made at the Monday At Home, and by Wednesday had secured a shop in one of the best thoroughfares of Clifton, had had it cleaned, and the windows filled with literature and posters. This shop is in Blackboy Hill, near the Downs. By the time this appears in print, other workers will also have pitched their tents, and we are intending to make each constituency pay its own expenses by means of collections at meetings. We want more members to come forward as shopkeepers, and I should like to see the whole time-table filled up by regular workers. This would set me more free, and all my time will be wanted soon for this constituency work. Over our shop at Bristol we shall soon have a new standard with the words "Votes for Women" on each side, so that all who run may read. We are getting the money together

by a 3d. subscription list, and we shall be glad if sympathisers will send contributions to the Secretary, 37, Queen's Road. As a few things were still wanted in the shop, we sent a circular letter to members, and within considerably less than twenty-four hours the majority of articles were supplied. We still want, however, a blackboard and an umbrella stand. Last week we pulled up the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN considerably by going out nearly every night for an hour or so. We want members to realise how immensely important is the street sale of the paper. Will they undertake this without waiting to be asked? Can they not arrange among themselves to go in twos or threes? This would very much lighten the work for those who are busy in many other ways, and I am particularly anxious to keep up the sales.

An account of the very effective protest made by Miss Flatman on Friday will be found on page 702.

The first At Home was held in Cardiff by Mrs. Baker, and was most successful. Both in Cardiff and Newport we hope for great things. The work is progressing well in Bath, and in Penzance members are very busy preparing for the great meeting on June 2. The financial side of our work is most flourishing. Our financial year ends the second week in July, and we are still confident of getting £1,000 together during our first year. Towards this we already have £734 0s. 6d.

**Torquay.**—Now that the time for open-air meetings is drawing near we are starting a speakers' class every week, so that we may be able to hold a large number of meetings in the district during July, August, and September, when there are crowds of visitors. An open-air meeting is arranged at Brixham on Saturday. Helpers will also be needed to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN, and I want volunteers for our shop still for one or two days in the week. Miss Brackenbury has promised us a visit in June, which we are all looking forward to. [E. N. HOWEY.]

**Plymouth.**—The following meetings will be held regularly until further notice:—

Every Monday.—Speakers' Class, Y.M.C.A., Westwell Street, Plymouth, at 8.30 p.m. All W.S.P.U. members invited.

Last Tuesday in Every Month (commencing May 25).—Evening At Home in Royal Hotel at 8 p.m.

Every Wednesday.—Open-air meeting at Catherine Street, Devonport, at 8 p.m.

Every Thursday.—Open-air meeting, Market Square, Plymouth, at 8 p.m.

Every Friday.—At Home, Royal Hotel, Plymouth, at 3.30 p.m.

Every Saturday Morning.—Selling VOTES FOR WOMEN in streets. Sellers meet at Derry's Clock at 10 a.m. Will all who can help in this way please write to 11, Alfred Street?

Judging by our first speakers' class held on Monday, there is plenty of latent talent among our local members, which only needs practice to be brought out. We had a very fair attendance at the At Home on Friday; Miss Mills kindly came over from Paignton, and gave a very interesting speech. Our efforts for the next fortnight will be concentrated on working up the meeting to be held in the Corn Exchange, on Friday, May 28, when Miss Brackenbury will speak, and we expect to have a very full attendance.

[VERA WENTWORTH.]

In connection with the Exhibition, friends will like to know that almost £500 worth of goods has been contributed to our stall. We wish to thank Mr. Walters, the Bath florist, for beautiful flowers, and Mr. Price, of Bristol, for all his kind work towards making our stall a success, as well as all those ladies who have made houses for the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, and those who have helped in so many different ways.

Lilian De e Villcox.

## LANCASHIRE.

**Headquarters.**—Manchester, 164, Oxford Road.

**Local Offices.**—Liverpool, 38, Oxford Street.

Preston, 41, Glover's Court.

Rochdale, 34, Yorkshire Street.

**At Homes.**—Manchester: Memorial Hall, Albert Square, Tuesdays, 3–5 (Whit Tuesday excepted); Onward Buildings, Deansgate Fridays, 8–10.

Liverpool: Engineers' Rooms, 48, Mount Pleasant, Tuesdays, 8–10.

Preston: Glover's Court, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m.

Rochdale: 34, Yorkshire Street, Saturdays, 7.30 p.m.

Southport: Assembly Rooms, Cambridge Hall, Saturdays, 3 p.m.

## Important Events.

June 10.—Thursday: Miss Elizabeth Robins' Lecture, "Shall Women Work?" Bowdon, 8 p.m.

June 11.—Friday: Miss Elizabeth Robins' Lecture, Manchester Memorial Hall, 8 p.m.

June 19.—Saturday: Welcome to Miss Patricia Woodcock, Manchester.

The completion of the three Lancashire stalls, representing Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, and Southport, only means that as the outcome of a busy past we intend to spend a still more busy future in these and other Lancashire centres. The immediate means to



this end are the preparations in hand for Miss Elizabeth Robins's lectures in June and for the welcome to be given to Patricia Woodlock on her return to Lancashire after three months' imprisonment. The first of Miss Robins's two lectures will take place in the Assembly Room, Bowdon, on Thursday, June 10, at 8 p.m. Tickets will be 2s. 6d. reserved and 1s. unreserved. Further details will be given next week. The second lecture will be given in the Memorial Hall, Manchester, on Friday, June 11, and tickets of admission will be 1s. and 6d., reserved and unreserved respectively. Members and friends are urgently requested to purchase tickets before going away for Whitsuntide; they will be ready this week.

We want to make the welcome to Patricia Woodlock the best of the series yet attempted in the provinces. For this purpose we must have a fund in hand to cover the approximate expenditure. Special collecting cards will be ready this week, and will serve not only as a reminder of the continued imprisonment of Miss Woodlock as an ordinary criminal offender, but will enable members to encourage friends and sympathisers to show their appreciation in a practical way. Two bands will be required, and other expenses will be entailed by the cost of banners and carriages, etc. In the case of Manchester we want to arrange a procession through the streets, closing with a demonstration in the Alexandra Park, Liverpool. Arrangements will be announced in next week's issue.

Members will please take these announcements as an immediate call to action, and as an invitation to rally round Miss Marsden and Miss Robinson, to whose care all arrangements are deputed till the Exhibition is over.

**Manchester.**—The Manchester Union has to congratulate itself upon having secured the presence of Miss Evelyn Sharp for its At Home in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday last, when the cogent argument and complete intimacy with her subject produced a strong impression, and the demand for membership forms at the close of the meeting was so large as to exhaust our stock. On Wednesday members of our own Union and others assembled in the Auctioneers' Rooms in Blackfriars Street to protest against such a state of affairs as compels Mrs. Rose Hyland to resist the law to the extent of refusing to pay her taxes. Mrs. Hyland's protest has been most effective, and in itself has succeeded in reminding the public of the injustice which has been and is still being done to women. Mrs. Hyland's action is an encouragement to other women taxpayers to follow her strong example. Our Friday evening At Home was very encouraging. More than half the audience was made up of "first-time" visitors. At the close there was a brisk signing of membership cards, while some of the new members volunteered on the spot for militant action. On Friday Miss Allison Toombs (secretary of the Manchester Playgoers' Club and a new member) made her maiden speech for our Union. We have to thank her and congratulate her. There is very important work to be done next Saturday, May 22, and Miss Robinson and I ask for a strong rally of members. On Tuesday, May 25, in the Memorial Hall, we have with us Miss Gladice Keevil. Will members do their best to make this widely known?

[DORA MARSDEN.]

**Liverpool.**—A show of the goods for the Liverpool Stall at the Exhibition was held at the house of Miss Stephenson, our bazaar secretary, on Friday and Saturday of last week. At the At Home on Tuesday a warm welcome was given to Miss Dora Marsden. Next Tuesday (25th) we are looking forward to a visit from Miss Gladice Keevil, whose work in the Midlands has been so fruitful in good results. We must have a good attendance. Will every member bring a friend—preferably an unconverted one?

The sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN is going up week by week, as more volunteers come forward.

I have sent to headquarters this week:—Membership fees, 7s.; At Home collections, 14s. 8d.; Prisoners' Welcome tickets, £9 13s. 9d.; collection, £2 8s. 3d.; special welcome fund (first instalment): A Sympathiser, 10s.; members, 18s. 6d.

[MARY PHILLIPS.]

**Southport.**—On Saturday I visited Southport, and found the members relieved and proud on account of the successful completion of the Southport and Preston stall. The Southport contribution has been generous. Special thanks are due to Miss Jeannie Whittaker (who acted as bazaar treasurer) and to Mrs. Whittaker, who have organised the sewing classes and have themselves worked tirelessly during the last two months. An interesting exhibition of work was held at their own home last week, and in consequence considerable attention has been drawn to the bazaar through the local Press. After the meeting in the Central Hall on Saturday afternoon we held an open-air meeting on the sands. A large audience gathered and gave us a most attentive and thoughtful hearing. A slight attempt at interruption at the outset was promptly quelled by the crowd. I received promises for four drawing-rooms for meetings, and one lady

offered to give a garden party. On Thursday evening the Rev. I. Dring helped the local workers in a very successful open-air meeting on the sands. The people were very attentive and begged the women to hold other meetings. Everything seems very hopeful for the special Whit-week campaign.—[DORA MARSDEN.]

**Financial Report.**—This is unavoidably held over till next week.

Mary E. Gawthorpe.

## MIDLANDS.

Office and Committee Rooms, 14, Ethel Street, Birmingham.

**At Homes.**—Birmingham: Midland Hotel, Tuesdays, 3.30; Priory Rooms Tuesdays, 7.30.

Wolverhampton: St. Peter's Institute, Wednesdays, 8.

**Important Event.**—Miss Beatrice Harraden, June 8, Midland Hotel.

**Birmingham.**—We are now concentrating our attention on the At Homes in the city. It is necessary that they should grow larger, and to this end I want to ask all members to make a point of attending one or the other of the Tuesday At Homes each week. Next week we hope to have Miss Mary Phillips, and on Tuesday, June 8, Miss Beatrice Harraden has kindly promised to read her play.

The VOTES FOR WOMEN Corps has now recommenced its activities, and a goodly number of papers were sold last week, one purchaser saying, "Well, I'm against you, but I can see you are going to get the vote, and as I don't believe in being narrow-minded I'll read what you have to say." I want more helpers. Will all those who can come on Fridays at 11.45?

Miss Gye has mapped out each district of Birmingham and arranged for four meetings weekly in each division, as well as dinner-hour meetings at factory gates. More speakers are wanted for this also. Please do not be backward!

**Cycling Scouts.**—Dr. Jones's Cycling Corps made its first start on Saturday to Alvechurch. Our plan is to cover the 10-mile radius from Birmingham by these scouts, the 20-mile with the caravan; and during the summer we hope to hold a campaign in the North of Wales seaside resorts. Derby, Stafford, Hinckley, Nuneaton, and Burton are to be worked in the near future, so there is every need for us to put in extra energy during the coming months. The next cycling meet is Saturday at 3.15, outside Northfield Institute, and the run will be to Bromsgrove.

**Wolverhampton.**—On Monday Mrs. Percy Jones very kindly gave two At Homes, at which the Wolverhampton work was exhibited before being sent to the Exhibition. A great deal of canvassing is being done by the members, with very good results. During the summer they propose to hold meetings in the surrounding villages. A similar plan is on foot for Coventry. It is hoped that Miss Mary Phillips will be able to speak on Wednesday next, and on June 9 Miss Beatrice Harraden will be there.

**Small Heath and Sparkbrook.**—Thanks to Miss Gye, we have arranged four open air meetings a week, at which Dr. Helena Jones, Miss Hazel, and Mrs. Bessie Smith will be the principal speakers. We held our first meeting on Friday, 14th, and Mrs. Smith addressed a crowd of nearly 300. I need more helpers in the evening to take the collections and sell literature. I also want to have three drawing-room meetings—one in Moseley, one in Sparkbrook, and one in Small Heath. Will anyone living in any of these districts who can lend a drawing-room please write to Miss Hilda Burkitt at 81, Grantham Road, Sparkbrook?

**Whitsuntide.**—Miss Noblett is making preparations for the Midland caravan to be ready for work on Saturday, May 29, when we shall have a meeting in Malvern. Dr. Helena Jones will be the speaker during that week. I also hope to spend part of my time in Malvern.

**Exhibition.**—Mrs. Kerwood and Mrs. Howey both report good sales at the Midland stalls. The little white kitten is causing great amusement. The leadless glaze pottery from Malvern is selling very well. On Wednesday, 19th, a number of members went up to the Exhibition, and were delighted with everything.

**Financial.**—I am sending the treasurer £1 collection and £5 10s. tickets. Donations and subscriptions should be sent to me at 49, Bristol Street, Birmingham.

Gladice G. Keevil.

## YORKSHIRE.

**Important Events.**—Bradford: Mechanics' Institute (Saloon), June 8, 8 p.m. Leeds: Literary and Philosophical Hall, June 9, 8 p.m.

**Yorkshire Office.**—63, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

We wish again to renew our acknowledgment of the beautiful gifts forwarded for the Yorkshire Stall. If skill, zeal, and self-sacrifice count for anything, we are sure of the result, which we are impatiently awaiting.

Miss Steverson and I have scored a record sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN by calling from shop to shop and house to house within a given radius. Forty copies disappeared quickly, and we could have



bled the sale with more helpers. I shall be pleased to have the names of those willing to help in this way during the summer.

This week we are indebted to Mrs. Noble for the gift of three chairs. If we are to use our upper room for meetings as desired we shall need more gifts of the kind.

Will members bear in mind the meetings arranged for Miss Beth Robins? The subject of address is "Shall Women Work?" Invitation cards can be obtained at 68, Manningham Lane. There will be a silver collection.

A meeting will be held at Cross Flats Park, Leeds, on Sunday, 23rd, at 3.30, and at Queensbury on Saturday, 22nd, at 7 o'clock. The Huddersfield W.S.P.U. held their meeting last Wednesday at the Parochial Hall, when Miss Newton related her experiences at the Sheffield Bye-election. The meeting next week will be at the same time and place.

N. Crocker.

### NEWCASTLE.

Headquarters.—3, Rye Hill.

At Homes.—Crosby's Café, Northumberland Street, Wednesdays, 3—5 and 8—10.

So rapidly is our work developing that we are opening a shop as a centre for the sale of literature and advertisement at 284, Westgate Hill, Newcastle. The actual date of opening is uncertain, as it depends upon the painting and renovating of the premises. This new development will give scope to our workers who cannot undertake militant action, and we shall hope to have volunteer shopkeepers in considerable numbers. We depend upon the hearty co-operation of all our members in helping to raise a guarantee fund for the rent and for furniture and fittings. Wednesday, May 26, will be the last At Home at Crosby's Café until the autumn, and we hope that all the Newcastle members will come and bring friends in great numbers, so that we can discuss and plan the summer's campaign. We have begun our open-air work this week, and, in spite of inclement weather, held meetings at Blaydon on Thursday, Wallsend on Friday, and the Haymarket on Saturday. At all these meetings the audiences were very large, and the interest and quiet attention of the people clearly showed that Votes for Women is regarded in a very different light from that of a few years ago. A great many copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold at all the meetings. The cartoon is a most valuable asset, as we find it appeals to the imagination of everyone. We need more speakers. Will those able and willing to help in this way please come forward? We have to thank Miss M. Atkinson and Miss Brown this week for valuable help in speaking, and also the ladies who are so vigorous in selling literature, helping to arrange meetings, etc. The following open-air meetings have been arranged:—Bigg Market, Monday, 17th, 7.30; Prudhoe, Tuesday, 18th, 7.30; Blaydon, Thursday, 20th, 7.30; Wallsend, Friday, 21st, 7.30.

Women from all parts of the kingdom are volunteering to go on the important deputation to the Prime Minister on June 29, and we feel sure that Northumberland women will do their share in making this deputation larger and more insistent than any before. Will those prepared to take their stand in the "fighting line" please let us know as early as possible?

We are negotiating for a stall for the purpose of propaganda work and sale of literature at the forthcoming Temperance Festival in June. Those who can give all or part of their time should let us know as soon as they can. As the At Homes are not to be held for some weeks after May 26, will all members and friends please watch announcements in VOTES FOR WOMEN and in the shop in Westgate Hill, so as to save time and postage? We have sent to the treasurer this week £1 6s. subscribed by members while Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was in prison, and 2s. collection.

Edith New.

### SCOTLAND.

#### Glasgow.

Office: 141, Bath Street.

At Homes: 141, Bath Street, Saturday, 8 p.m.

We heard from the Misses McPhun, who are now helping at the Glasgow stall, of the very successful opening day of the Exhibition. We hope they may be at the At Home on May 29 to give an account of it. Many more contributions came in at the last moment, but it has been impossible to acknowledge all these separately, so we must ask members to accept our very sincere thanks through these notes. The value of goods received amounted to about £140, and in money nearly £20.

At Homes.—The notice was unfortunately too short to arrange the proposed At Home for Miss Canning. The Saturday At Home will be at the office as usual, with the exception probably of June 5, when we hope to have a visit from Mrs. Drummond, and shall most likely have the Charing Cross Hall. The Guarantee Fund has received the sum of £1 1s. from Mrs. Craig.

G. M. Conolan.

### Edinburgh.

Shop: 8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.

At Homes.—8, Melville Place, Thursday, 3.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Important Event.—Synod Hall, Thursday, May 27, 8 p.m., Mrs. Pankhurst. [N.B.—There will, of course, be no At Homes on Thursday, May 27.]

Everything this week is a preparation for our welcome to Mrs. Pankhurst. Even our open air meetings in connection with the bye-election which didn't come off were a means of announcing her visit to the electors of West Edinburgh. The shop in Melville Place will be ready for her inspection, and we trust our friends will come and see for themselves how delightful the new premises are. Fortunately, they are already papered and painted in a soft shade of green, so that only a little purple and white is needed in order to produce a charming display of the colours.

But it is the approaching Synod Hall meeting that we all have to bear in mind this week. Will everyone please remember that 2,000 tickets take a great deal of selling? All who are interested in the great cause for which we are fighting must leave no stone unturned to bring the outside world to hear Mrs. Pankhurst explain what the Vote means, not only to women, but to the whole human race.

That Edinburgh women can respond magnificently to an appeal is shown by the report of our Exhibition Secretary, Mrs. Maxtone Graham. She has received £130 worth of goods for the Edinburgh Stall from the following:—Miss Jardine, Mrs. Ivory, Miss McFarlane, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Waddel, Mrs. Craster, Mrs. Glegg (an exquisitely knitted Shetland scarf), Miss Evelyn Haig (some very rare old pewter), Miss Ruth Cairnie, Miss Bremmer, Mrs. Maxtone Graham, Miss Lees, Miss Burn Murdoch (some beautiful bas-reliefs), Mrs. and the Misses Dempster (among other goods, some exquisite bead chains in the N.W.S.P.U. colours), Mrs. Henderson, Miss C. W. Haig (some rare old glass), Mrs. Baggins (Edinburgh rock), Mrs. R. B. Nesbit (oat cakes, shortbread, etc.), Miss Login (water-colour sketches), Miss Ethel Login, Mrs. Whyte (a very pretty statuette), the Misses Maxtone Graham, Miss Clapperton (Edinburgh rock and books), Miss J. J. Grant (two very fine Shetland shawls), Miss E. L. Lambert, Miss Margaret Murray (among other goods, some pretty blouses), Mrs. Leonard Tod (gold clubs), Mrs. Roy Rothwell (diamond and turquoise ring and other goods), Miss Campbell, Miss O'Neill (eggs and butter), Miss Shaw, Mrs. Barclay, Fraulein Schule, Miss Methven, Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Mary Gorrie, Mrs. Cumming Craig (among other goods, antique Japanese embroidery), and a friend of Miss Burn Murdoch. Dr. Pethick has kindly sent us a photograph of the Edinburgh Stall, which can be seen at the shop. The beautiful banner which adorns the front is not for sale, but will be returned to the Edinburgh centre, to which it has been presented by Mrs. Roy Rothwell, who worked it herself. We are deeply indebted to our Exhibition Secretary, Mrs. Maxtone Graham, for all the trouble she has taken in receiving, arranging, packing, and sending off the goods for our stall, which we hope all Scottish women in London will make a point of visiting.

Mrs. Waddel, who was unable to be present at our Thursday At Home, kindly sent us a donation of 5s. to help defray the expenses. I have also to acknowledge a donation of 9s. from Miss Bruce, and of 2s. 6d. from Mrs. Finlayson Gould; also one of 10s. for the posters at railway stalls from C.O. Miss Mary Thomson is giving 2s. 6d. for one month's poster at the Prince's Street Station.

Will friends please note that, after the Synod Hall meeting, our Thursday At Home, both afternoon and evening, will be held at 8, Melville Place?

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While I am absent in the North of Scotland the work goes on in Aberdeen. Preparations for the Garden Party at Westbourne House on Saturday (22nd), under the guidance of Miss Constance Ogston, are occupying most of the workers' time.

Inverness.—Our campaign in Inverness opened with a large meeting at the Exchange on Monday night. About 1,000 people were present. Four outdoor meetings have been held altogether—all highly successful. Our meeting in the Queensgate Hall was very full. The Rev. Mr. Laing took the chair, and acknowledged in his closing remarks that nothing could be said in contradiction of what was claimed by the speaker.

On Thursday afternoon a drawing-room meeting, attended chiefly by Liberal women, was held at the house of Mrs. Macdonald, and Mr. Bryce, the member for the burgh, will presently awake to find his chief supporters gone.

It is very certain that the Liberal party is losing the women throughout Scotland. Before this appears a women's meeting will have been held in the Queensgate Hall on Monday at 3, where I am hoping to win over all the women who are at present hesitating.

Adela Pankhurst.



MAY 21, 1909.

## VOTES FOR WOMEN.

### LORD CURZON ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

At a dinner of the Men's League for Opposing Woman Suffrage, held on Tuesday night at the Hotel Cecil, Lord Cromer, the president, occupied the chair, and the principal guests were Lord Curzon and Lord James. The company also included Lord Haversham, Lord Stalbridge, Lord Helmsley, M.P., the Dean of Canterbury, Sir Hugh Bell, General Sir Robert Biddulph, Sir West Ridgeway, Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., Sir Alfred Lyall, Admiral the Hon. Sir E. R. Fremantle, Professor Dicey, K.C., Mr. Guest, M.P., Mr. Butcher, M.P., Sir Charles Bruce, and Mr. Humphry Ward.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Guests of the Evening," said that his main objection to give the vote to women was because they were not men. He knew of no authority for saying that people were in favour of women getting votes. All he knew was that the cause of giving women votes was going downhill rather than uphill. It appeared to him that those who could speak with some authority in this country should state now, while there was yet time, their views upon the question.

#### Female Howling Dervishes.

Lord Curzon, who was cheered on rising to respond, said that when he was in the House of Commons he stood for a constituency in which the female influence was very strong, and in which he received invaluable support from the feminine element. But he never found that the enthusiasm and support of the women was in the least degree jeopardised by his frank and outspoken opposition to the cause of Woman Suffrage. At the head of the female Suffrage movement were a number of talented and intellectual women of whom he would be the last to speak in terms of disrespect. At the other end of the scale were a number of female howling dervishes—(laughter)—whom he preferred not to characterise in any other term, and midway between those two were a large number of young and impulsive women who appeared to him to have been attracted to this cause from the mistaken idea that it was part of the movement with which they all sympathised for the intellectual emancipation of women, or who had been captivated by political catchwords about taxation and representation and matters of that sort. But he firmly believed that the bulk of thoughtful and intelligent women—women who had a sense of citizenship and of all that it meant—were opposed to this proposal. He believed that the bulk of married women were strongly against it, and that on the part of the wives of the working-classes there was an attitude of complete indifference, if not of positive hostility. If he were a party leader and nine-tenths of the women who were going to be enfranchised were to promise him their votes at the next election, he would, perhaps, have some suspicion as to the redemption of the pledge—(laughter)—but he would say, "Get thee behind me." (Laughter.) Perhaps he had better not finish that. (Laughter.) Let them suppose that the present Government, which had been guilty of many sudden and unpremeditated performances—(laughter)—should decide next year to include the franchise of women in its programme. Let them suppose that, by some strange aberration, the measure not merely passed the House of Commons, but got through the House of Lords, and that one and a-half million women were added to the registers, would this country stand higher or would it stand lower in the estimation of foreign Powers? Would that particular foreign Power which was supposed to send mysterious aerial vessels at night to menace their roof trees—(laughter)—feel that it was any nearer to its alleged designs? (Hear, hear.) Would the hands of their Foreign Minister be strengthened in his arduous and difficult duties? In a word, would the Empire be less safe than it was at present? Would it, in fact, be safe at all? A member with whom he was discussing the recent private Bill said that it was carried on a Friday afternoon, and that Friday afternoon was a sort of weekly first of April. (Laughter.) That might be true, but it was not the sort of consideration that would enable them to sleep in their beds with any greater security in future. A House of Commons which was capable of passing such a Bill on a Friday afternoon was capable of passing any other Bill on any other day of the week. (Hear, hear.) Who knew that female Suffrage might not form a feature of the Reform Bill which the Government was contemplating?

#### The Weight of Argument.

There were, he believed, fifteen strong, valid, and incontrovertible arguments which could be advanced against Woman Suffrage. He would deal with only two or three. First, there was the time-honoured and irrefutable argument of the home and the natural division of the functions of men and women. If they enfranchised the property-owning woman, and the widow, and the spinster, any proposal which refused the vote to married women—the most thoughtful and responsible members of the female community—would be a *reductio ad absurdum* and would condemn the proposal to impotence from the start. (Hear, hear.) Manhood suffrage was bad enough, but on the day that adult suffrage was carried they might put up the shutters of the British Empire.

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## QUESTIONING CABINET MINISTERS.

### A Novel Toast.

Miss Brackenbury and a friend were presented with tickets (for which payment was offered, but refused by the Secretary) for the Festival Dinner at the Grafton Galleries on Tuesday for the Royal Merchant Seamen's Orphanage, at which Mr. Runciman presided. Various toasts were drunk at the end of the dinner, and Miss Cooper sang two comic songs between the toasts, neither of which seemed to have any bearing on either widows or orphans. The toast to "The Chairman" having been responded to by Mr. Runciman and drunk, the diners resumed their seats, but Miss Brackenbury remained standing, and said, "Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen, I, too, have a cause to plead and a toast to propose. It is to one of our 'Imperial Forces,' a toast proposed to-night and drunk with enthusiasm. I feel sure you will all admit it is one of our most important, most powerful of Imperial Forces, and a force to which the whole nation owes much. Perhaps it was intended to be included in the toast of the 'Imperial Forces,' but as it was not named I will now propose it, a toast to the 'Suffragettes,' who have done more for widows and orphans than any of you here realise." At the word "Suffragettes" the Secretary of the Institution swooped down upon the speaker, who up to that moment had been listened to with absolutely still and expectant interest. He was very excited, but Miss Brackenbury finished her speech, and, turning to the ladies, added, "I see there will be a toast to 'The Ladies.' Although Suffragettes are all true women, women, unfortunately, are not all Suffragettes." The Secretary forced her to the door, but on the steps of the hall she turned and thanked the audience for a courteous hearing. The Secretary followed later, asking for her name and address, but finding that she had an escort he flew at him, and violently forced him into the street. Since then an apology has been received from him.

### A Protest at the Prime Minister's Dinner.

A plucky attempt was made by four members of the W.S.P.U. to speak to Mr. Asquith when he dined at the Criterion Restaurant as the guest of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. They managed to rush past an official and up the staircase, but three of them were overtaken and roughly pushed downstairs by a porter. The fourth woman reached the door of the room, and cried out in a voice distinctly audible to Mr. Asquith and those within, "Mr. Asquith, how can you sit there at your dinner when women —" She was then stopped, and led downstairs.

### Breaking a Barricade.

On May 14, at Bristol, Miss Ada Flatman made a spirited protest before Mr. Birrell at the Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Royal Hotel. She had taken a room at the hotel the day previously, and watched with growing despair the strong wooden barricades, 10 ft. high, ready to be placed at every approach to the balcony overlooking the banquet hall, and the strong force of men arriving, ranging from the chief of police to detectives, and plain clothes constables, who literally thronged the lounge, stairs, and corridors.

After dinner, when the speeches were being made, she spent the time wandering from corridor to corridor, followed all the time by detectives. When she arrived back at her first pitch by the barricade, the detective on guard turned his head to speak to some one, and she dashed the barrier down, and reaching the other side shouted "Gives Votes to Taxpaying Women," and flung into the hall below hundreds of purple, green, and white handbills, asking Liberal men to support women in their fight for freedom. A hand was put over her mouth, and she was dragged away amidst the clapping and cheering of the men, having overcome the 10 ft. barricades and outwitted hundreds of police.

### Mr. John Burns and the Care of Children.

On Friday Mr. John Burns opened the new M.A.B. infirmary at Carshalton, and gave an address on the care of children, in the course of which he was interrupted two or three times by Suffragettes. In one case, as he was talking about what the State was doing for children, a woman called out, "Why don't you do something for their mothers?" There was some confusion as the audience rose, but Mr. Burns's voice was heard above the din: "This is an institution for poor

children," he said, "and not for female hooligans. I must ask you to retire. Put that woman out." Two stewards approached the intruder, and she walked out of the ward. Amid laughter, the Local Government Board President remarked, "And a little child shall lead them."

Later, when he was about to point out the necessity for "concentrating on the child immediately it is born" he was again interrupted. "How can you concentrate when you don't give us the vote?" cried a woman in the audience. There was more commotion as the audience rose, greatly interested. Breaking off the thread of his address, Mr. Burns said, "Pray be seated. I really must ask you ladies and gentlemen to show yourselves wiser than these vulgar creatures who have invaded the sanctity of this place. We can manage them, and if we can't a policeman will." The interrupter was then pushed out.

### Suffragettes and Mr. Burns.

Lady Frances Balfour, speaking for Woman Suffrage at a crowded meeting at Sunderland last night, said John Burns had lately called Suffragettes vulgar hooligans. He forgot the agitation he had once conducted, and for which he had suffered imprisonment.

—Daily Chronicle.

To be preached to death by wild curates was Sydney Smith's notion of a supremely horrible fate; but Mr. Asquith and his colleagues are probably beginning to wonder whether there is any doom much more fearful than that of being hunted to death by wild Suffragettes. When Ministers are reduced to the necessity of declining invitations to social gatherings in order to escape the attentions of their ubiquitous persecutors, it is not surprising that the latter are encouraged to persevere in the harassing tactics which have made their guerilla warfare so formidable. —The World.

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### LIBERAL WOMEN AND THE SUFFRAGE.

The question of suffrage and the attitude of Liberal women towards the Government, which seems in no hurry to grant it, was again the burning topic at the second session of the Women's Liberal Federation Conference. Mrs. Strickland (Cuckfield) proposed:—"That in the opinion of this Council, unless the enfranchisement of women be included in an Electoral Reform Act, or, should no such Act be passed, unless the Liberal Party when they appeal to the country make Women's Suffrage a plank in their platform, the time will have arrived for a definite refusal on the part of Liberal women to work at Parliamentary elections." This led to a scene of great excitement. Mrs. Strickland explained that in the true interests of womanhood there might come a time when it was their duty to abstain temporarily from working for that great party they loved so well. She doubted the value of Mr. Asquith's promise. Liberal women were between the devil and the deep sea. They felt that if a private member tried to help them he had very little chance, while a responsible Government had not yet said it would help them. The Liberal Party was losing one election after another partly because the Suffragists were opposing the Liberal candidates. They must get a distinct declaration from the Government that they would not only allow an amendment to come into their Reform Bill, but that they themselves would incorporate it in that Bill.

Miss Margaret Achon supported this, giving the Government a solemn warning that one after another of the Liberal women's organisations was weakening and slackening, and it was impossible to get workers now because women doubted the intentions of the Liberal Party. There was a loyalty far higher than party loyalty, and that was loyalty to suffering women. It grieved her to see the Liberal Party throwing away its chances, and the way to make it do right was not to support it in doing wrong. Another speaker said that young women Liberals were all going over to the suffrage movement. Various opinions were expressed, and a hint of future tactics was given by Miss Florence Baggallie that, if at the time of the general election women had not got the franchise, they would organise a giant meeting and lay down their ultimatum.

Mrs. Bertrand Russell said that the resolution was not a threat. She fully believed in Mr. Asquith; she believed he would do more for them, and that the resolution would strengthen his hands. It was only fair he should know of the increasing discontent.

Lady Grove said they had not a sufficient guarantee that Woman Suffrage would not be shelved, and she was perfectly convinced that the Federation would act up to this resolution if the necessity arose.

Mrs. Heron Maxwell, opposing the resolution, said that if ever they had a chance of getting Woman Suffrage they had it now, if they did not throw it away. She maintained that the Liberal party was going to give them the vote. The Government could not force Woman Suffrage on the electorate if the electorate did not want it. Therefore it was their duty not to threaten the Government, but to educate the electorate. (Cheers.)

Lady Dorothy Howard said if they wanted to make women care about Suffrage and other great causes, let them put in all the work they could for those men who supported them.

The resolution was defeated by a large majority. Other motions in favour of registration reform, free trade, peace, land law reform, temperance, unemployment legislation, etc., were carried.

The Countess of Carlisle went to the length of describing as "a tremendously brave confession" Mr. Asquith's evasive and shadowy speech of a twelvemonth ago. . . . and amid great cheering from the audience called this "a treaty, a concordat"; but seeing that one of the resolutions at to-day's meeting was moved by Mrs. Lloyd George, I am inclined to think that the Government has "captured" the Women's Liberal Federation, lock, stock, and barrel. This, unless I am greatly mistaken, will also be the opinion of Mrs. Pankhurst.—*Manchester Courier*.

What strikes us most forcibly is that these Liberal women are at one with the Constitutional and militant Suffragists in their demand for one simple point—the removal of the disqualification of sex.—*Daily News*.

### CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

A crowded and enthusiastic meeting of this association was held on Tuesday, May 11, at 52, Portland Place, by kind permission of Lady St. Helier. Lady St. Helier presided, and among those present were Winifred Countess of Arran, the Countess of Donoughmore, Viscountess Castlereagh, Viscountess Midleton, Viscountess Gort, Catherine Lady Decies, Lady Edward Spencer Churchill, Countess Hochberg, Lady Willoughby de Eresby, Lady Chichele Plowden, Lady Mason, Lady Jephson, Lady Bonser, Lady Winifred

Gore, Lady Doughty, Lady Wright, Lady Forester, Lady Nina Ogilvy Grant, Sir William and Lady Acland, the Hon. Mrs. Granville Knot, the Hon. Mrs. Paley, the Hon. Mrs. Rochfort Maguire, the Hon. Mrs. Edward Johnstone, Mrs. Arthur Paleyham, Mrs. George Alexander, and Miss Ponsonby.

Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association, having outlined the aims of the Association, which are to unite all Conservatives and Unionists in favour of Women's Suffrage; to advance this cause by means of meetings, lectures, and literature; and to bring under the notice of members of the Conservative party the justice of and necessity for the enfranchisement of women, Mr. G. A. Touche, Conservative candidate for North Islington, expressed his satisfaction at the formation of the Association, with the principles of which he declared himself to be in complete accord. His satisfaction was, he said, the more keen because he thoroughly realised and wished his hearers also to realise that the Liberals had no intention of granting women the Suffrage, but proposed instead a measure for flooding the country with uneducated male voters. He drew attention to the weakness of the arguments adduced by the anti-Suffragists, one of whose greatest supporters, Lord Cromer, evidently viewed the Suffrage question from the standpoint of an Eastern potentate, and whose one point—that men are men and women women—was the greatest argument in favour of the Suffrage, since it was not possible for either sex to understand and legislate for the other.

Mrs. Holmes dealt with the position of women in the industrial world. Mrs. Chapman Catt, President of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance, pointed out the great responsibilities which lay upon the women of Great Britain, a country which had always been foremost in the struggle for liberty. The eyes of the whole world were fixed upon Britain, and the action of other countries would largely depend upon her attitude. When the women of England obtained the vote they would enfranchise those of other lands. This was the proud and responsible position which was occupied by Englishwomen, and she hoped they would prove worthy of it.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Lady St. Helier for presiding and granting the use of her house.

### IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

On May 11 Mr. Forbes Robertson addressed a crowded meeting held by the Irish Women's Franchise League. Mr. Robertson appealed to men to aid the women in their struggle, and said that attendance at "anti" meetings was the best cure for "antis" or "hoverers." A vote of thanks was proposed by Miss O'Hea, supported by Miss Sheehy, B.A., and Mrs. Cousins, Mus.Bac., and enthusiastically carried.

### MISS CHRISTABEL PANKHURST IN HYDE PARK.

"Female Hooligans" was Mr. Burns's description of some Suffragettes who interrupted him while he was performing the opening ceremony at the Children's Infirmary, Carshalton, on Saturday. He afterwards spoke of them as "these vulgar creatures."

Miss Christabel Pankhurst replied to Mr. Burns at a meeting in Hyde Park on Sunday afternoon, when a large crowd was present. In the course of her speech she said the women of the W.S.P.U. went to the meeting in order to remind Mr. Burns that women wanted the vote. The only reply to that was that they must be thrown out—"Shame"—which she thought ought to get him three months in Holloway—(laughter)—because, as they knew, it was inciting to violence. (Laughter and "Hear, hear.") It was far worse to tell people to throw women out of meetings than it was to tell them to rush the House of Commons. At least the House of Commons had plenty of defenders in the shape of the Metropolitan Police, while the women who went to the meeting were single-handed. Mr. John Burns called their women "female hooligans." That seemed to her like Satan rebuking sin—(laughter)—because they must never forget that Mr. Burns had been far worse in his time than the most militant Suffragette; he had also been in prison, as the women had. (Laughter, and a voice, "Rub it in.") Only now he had got too respectable, which, as they all knew, was a very vulgar thing to do. (Laughter.) Why were well-bred women prepared to stand up against the attacks of ill-bred men? (Laughter.) Because the women were fighting in a very great cause. They had made up their minds that the Prime Minister should receive them if they kept on going from now to Doomsday, until his Doomsday, at any rate. (Laughter.) And another great deputation—the biggest yet formed—would proceed to Westminster for that purpose on Tuesday, June 29.





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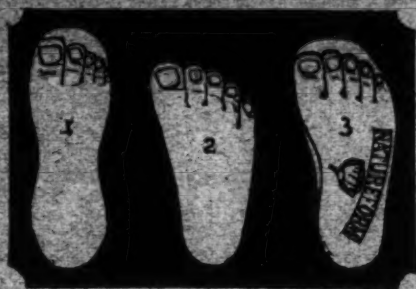
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We have . . . always held and rejoiced that, however remote from its original purpose, the introduction of the Primrose League gave an enormous impetus to the claim for the enfranchisement of women. Though Mr. Balfour has done nothing whatever to defend or explain the reasons, good, bad, or indifferent, which have recently influenced the militant action of the Suffragists under Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the mere existence and constitution of the Primrose League has not only logically committed the ex-Premier and his party to enfranchise the women at the first opportunity, but stands out in striking and even honourable contrast to the cold yet domineering attitude of Mr. Asquith and some other prominent members of the Cabinet. We would impress upon the Government that its treatment of some of the ablest and noblest advocates of Women's Suffrage is surely contributing to the weakening of its own popularity in many constituencies. Why inflict this perverse injury on the Liberal cause? As mere men, we recognise the overwhelming need and importance of electing Liberal representatives. But we greatly deplore the general bearing of Mr. Asquith and some of his Cabinet towards the question of the enfranchisement of women. It makes them quite as obnoxious to the thinking politician as any of the methods of the sorely abused reformers of the National Women's Social and Political Union.—*Hereford Times*.

A Bye-Election Echo.

We do not for one moment believe that South Hereford or Stratford-on-Avon was won by women's speeches; but we do believe that many of those speeches, marked as they were by an eloquence and popular sympathy unsurpassable by any living statesman, widely and deeply impressed thousands of men and women and caused the transference of a large number of votes. The two sexes approach each other now more nearly than ever in their habits and modes of thought; and it is impossible to snub or disparage women without widening the circle of mutual indignation and resentment. Of course, the enfranchisement of women is a slow evolutionary process; but many devoted Liberals tangle with shame when they read the callous flippancies and impertinences dealt out to them by certain mediocre and highly paid political servants; men who are morally and intellectually infinitely inferior to some of those who go to Holloway Gaol for conscience sake. At present every bye-election is fought, not only with one of our Liberal hands tied, but with a vast store of feeling and latent Liberalism arrayed against us. An end should be put to this monstrous state of affairs, which tends to the suffering and discomfiture of what should be a united and irresistible Liberal party.—*Hereford Times*.

Mr. Churchill's Meeting.

The question of the admission of women to Mr. Churchill's meeting on the afternoon of Saturday, May 22, in the Manchester Free Trade Hall, has been a matter of serious consideration. It has now been settled that a limited number of reserve seats shall be allocated to women. They will be disposed of under very stringent conditions, the object being to secure their use only by women workers in the Liberal cause.—*Daily Chronicle*.

Mr. Malcolm Scott, the well-known comedian, was one of the entertainers at the Parliamentary Press Gallery dinner. He was ascending the stairs, dressed in his customary feminine garb for the stage, just as Mr. Asquith was leaving. Taken for a Suffragette, he was hurried out of the Prime Minister's way.—*Daily Mail*.

Various questions, mostly topical, about the Budget, the Government, the Dreadnoughts, and Votes for Women, were put to "Occultos" [at the Coliseum], and answered with a good deal of tact.—*Daily Mail*.

Another member of the audience inquired when women would get votes, and "Occultos" said that they might get them in time.—*Daily Chronicle*.

We have realised—almost too late—that the stream of manhood is no purer than its maternal source.—*Mr. John Burns, M.P., at Carshalton*.

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THE TREASURER'S NOTE.

On Thursday evening, May 27, we shall hear the announcement of the financial result of our Exhibition, but already we know enough to realise that once more reward has crowned our efforts. The Exhibition, from every point of view, including the financial one, is a magnificent success. Every stall represents an amount of devotion and delight in giving that it is quite impossible to tell. Every stall-holder and contributor has sent more than was originally promised, and as one passes from stall to stall one hears scraps of information about the gifts sent and the services rendered, which are typical of the generosity that has been so lavish. The head of a dressmaking firm in Bond Street told me that every member of her staff had made and sent some gift to the Exhibition in her spare time, though just now the season is at its height, which means small leisure for the workers. Two women teachers who promised £10 worth of goods sent in a beautiful box containing the value of £21. Contributions have come from Japan, Holland, Germany, Italy, and other countries. The women of Sweden brought over £50 worth of beautiful things for the Exhibition when they came to the International Congress. Space would not suffice to tell half the story. No wonder everybody is happy at the Exhibition, which is an expression of such a spirit.

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Mr. H. F. Pash, in a public debate at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, last week, made a spirited defence of the Suffragettes. He urged it as the duty of every man to support the movement; the day was approaching when the members of the militant societies, as a reward for their extraordinary enthusiasm, high courage, and dauntless determination, as well as the members of the "peaceful" societies, as a reward for their patience, would reach the goal which both desired. The meeting was fully reported in the *Essex County Chronicle*.

The Rev. Dr. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, in a recent sermon praised the Suffrage movement in England as "the greatest cause for the sake of humanity since Christ's birth," and declared that he believed American women could learn much good from their English sisters.

Visitors to the W.S.P.U. Exhibition at Prince's Skating Rink will be interested to know that much of the coffee supplied at the Refreshment Stall is from a firm advertising in *VOTES FOR WOMEN*—"Optimus Coffee." The highest award of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain has been awarded this firm.

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## LOCAL NOTES.

**Brighton and Hove W.S.P.U.**—Our week-end meetings have been most successful. Miss Helen Ogston has been speaker. We had a well-attended drawing-room meeting on Friday afternoon, arranged by Mrs. and Miss Marshall. In the evening we had a splendid meeting at Hove, presided over by Mrs. Francis, and on Saturday afternoon, at the Western Boundary, Miss Andrews spoke to a large and enthusiastic crowd. Will Brighton members and friends kindly note that this week's meetings are:—Friday, 8 o'clock, Queen Square; if wet at our own rooms, 8, North Street Quadrant; Saturday, 3 o'clock, Western Boundary; 8 o'clock, Preston Circus. We are looking forward to having Mrs. Mayer as speaker at these meetings. On the 27th of this month Miss Ogston and Mrs. McKeown are speaking at Burgess Hill. A postcard photograph of our stall at the Exhibition has been taken. These can be obtained from Miss Davis at our rooms, price 3d. each.

M. S. TURNER.

**Brixton W.S.P.U.**—Our meeting at Brockwell Park on Sunday was again very successful. An immense crowd surrounded our lorry and listened most attentively to Mrs. Mayer. We sold all our VOTES FOR WOMEN, and took a collection, which more than covered expenses.

KATHLEEN TANNER, Hon. Sec.

**Croydon W.S.P.U.**—On Friday, June 4, Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak at the Stanley Hall, South Norwood. Will every one of our members undertake to sell a number of tickets and get their friends to come? We must make a great success of this meeting. Will any members who cannot sell tickets give their services by distributing bills in letter-boxes of houses and in other ways? Will helpers please write to me at 79, Mayfield Road, Sanderstead, and mention the days and hours they can give? May I take the opportunity of cordially thanking our members for their generous help towards the Streatham Exhibition Stall? Miss Naylor will be our speaker at our open-air meeting at Thornton Heath Clock Tower on May 27, at 8 p.m.

G. CAMERON-SWAN.

**Forest Gate and Wanstead W.S.P.U.**—We shall hold our open-air meeting on Friday at Sebert Road at 8 p.m. We are holding a business meeting on Monday, the 24th inst., at 62, Harpenden Road, Wanstead Park, as we have important business to discuss. We hope that many members of the Ilford W.S.P.U. will try to be present, as we wish to talk over the possibility of co-operation in our work to make it more effective.

M. E. SLEIGHT.

**Hammersmith W.S.P.U.**—The hon. sec. and hon. treasurer were so busy last week marking and packing the bazaar things sent in for the Exhibition that no time was found for a message in Local Notes thanking all members and friends for their contributions. These were on such a generous scale that the Union was able to send in goods to more than double the promised amount. Will all these donors try to send all their friends as buyers during the days that remain?

F. E. ROWE.

**Hendon W.S.P.U.**—This week I wish to thank very heartily all those friends who responded so splendidly to our appeal for help for the Hendon Stall. The entertainment given by members of Mrs. Wyatt's family and friends was a financial success, as was the rummage sale, which brought in over £14. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Tuckwell, who lent us a house, and who, with her daughter and other members, worked so hard while the sale was on. The value of the goods sent in for our stall far exceeded expectations, and our promised £25 worth developed into over £70 worth. This has proved very gratifying to all of us, and especially to our Exhibition Secretary, Mrs. Wyatt, who worked indefatigably. We are indeed grateful to all our friends for their generous help. Now we want customers. We have many useful and dainty articles—blouses, matinees, dressing-gowns, and children's frocks, etc. We hope all visitors to the Exhibition from our neighbourhood, besides patronising the various attractions there, will pay our stall a visit.

FRANCES V. CREAYTON.

**Hornsey W.S.P.U.**—Our second open-air meeting on Saturday night at the Clock Tower, Crouch End, was a great success. Owing to the chalking done by the Misses Hume, Rendle, and Humby, a crowd was awaiting us before seven o'clock. Miss Fraser, who had been on foot all day with the drum and flag band, was good enough to take the chair, and Mrs. Mayer was our speaker. We are pleased that Mrs. Mayer is speaking for us in Finsbury Park on Thursday, the 20th, at 7 p.m. All local members are asked to come to our meetings and to bring friends. We hold our first meeting at the Archway Tavern on Saturday, the 22nd. We hope that all who can help us in selling papers, etc., will gather by 6.45 p.m. Hornsey members are specially invited to help at the meetings organised by the Bowes Park Union in Finsbury Park on Sunday afternoons at 3.30 and at other places as notified in the Programme of Events. Our combined stall is doing well, and we feel sure that just as our local friends came forward so well in contributing work, in most cases far beyond what had been promised, so they will see to it that our goods are bought.

THEODORA BONWICK.

**Lewisham W.S.P.U.**—Last Wednesday we held open-air meetings in Catford and near the Lewisham Junction Station to advertise the Exhibition. The audiences were very much interested in all we had to say; handbills were distributed, and VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. On Sunday the crowd on Blackheath was as large as ever. Our Union has been so generous in contributions to our Exhibition Stall that we could have easily furnished two stalls instead of half a one. A local firm presented our stall with a cake, iced in our colours, with which we started a weight-guessing competition. Seventy-six people entered the competition at threepence per head. The competition is closed, and as eight people have guessed the correct weight (7 lbs.) the cake will be cut into eight equal parts. The names of the lucky winners are:—Mrs. Glazier, Mrs. Drummond, D. A. Bowker, Miss Mills, Miss C. Pankhurst, G. B. Warwick, Mrs. Seymour Hare, and M. Parsons. We also had a competition for guessing the name of a pretty doll. Fifty-three people entered the competition at twopence per head. The right name of the doll is Mary, and Mrs. Ayrton is the lucky winner of the doll. We are holding open-air meetings during the week in different parts of Lewisham to further advertise the Exhibition.

J. A. BOUVIER.

**Marylebone W.S.P.U.**—Our stall, with its beautiful dresses, has proved quite a feature at the Exhibition. During last week we received various contributions, for sale, from Mr., Mrs., and Miss M. Singer, Miss Elsie Grant, Miss Dixon, Miss H. Faleh, and another friend. A successful meeting was held in Regent's Park on Sunday. Miss Brackenbury was speaker; Miss Marylebone in the chair. Our next speaker's class will be held on Friday, May 28, at 147, Harley Street, W., at 8.15 p.m., when Miss Winifred Watson

will continue her kind instruction in voice production. Two drawing-room meetings are to be held this week. Will some Marylebone sympathiser contribute towards our new Union? Our hon. treasurer, Mrs. Morris, 147, Harley Street, W., will be glad to receive any donation. Are there other ladies who will ask their friends to a suffrage tea? If so, will they send their names to Miss G. Sheppard, 13, Upper Berkeley Street, W., or to me, at 20, Weymouth Street, W.?

E. L. NOURSE.

**Putney and Fulham W.S.P.U.**—Many of our members are helping at the Exhibition this week. May we remind our Putney and Fulham friends that membership cards can be had at our stall, and also that chairs, curtains, pictures, etc., which would be most acceptable in our Putney shop (to be opened in a few days), can be obtained at very reasonable prices, especially if the object of the purchase be mentioned? The next open-air meeting will be held on Putney Heath on Sunday, May 23, at 3.30 p.m., and as soon as the Exhibition is over the week-day meetings will be resumed.

H. ROBERTS, L. CUTTEN, Hon. Secs.

**Wimbledon W.S.P.U.**—On Monday, May 10, hundreds of people visited the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon Common, where were displayed, with a view to advertising the Exhibition, examples of the work prepared for the Wimbledon Stall. Handwoven Scotch woollen goods, specially designed for the Wimbledon Union in the purple, white, and green, were among the exhibits. The colours were further emphasised by the abundance of flowers sent by friends, and the Wimbledon banner, which here made its first appearance, designed and executed by members and friends. Songs were sung by Mrs. Liddell, Miss Theodora Davis, and Miss M. Grant, with Mrs. Ralston at the piano, recitations by Dr. Bather, the Wimbledon Suffrage songs in chorus, and country dances by Swedes in their national costumes, with other attractions, are examples of what the Wimbledon Union can do in the way of entertainment. In the afternoon and evening Mrs. Lamartine Yates spoke. Both speeches were much appreciated, and an encouraging response made to Mrs. Yates' "first collection," she herself going round with the plate. Miss Anna Kleman, a Swedish delegate to the International Woman Suffrage Congress, spoke on "Woman Suffrage in Northern Lands." In the audience were other delegates and compatriots, among them Miss Signe Bergman, Vice-President of the Swedish Suffrage Society. Miss Maud E. Aldis came from a Welsh engagement to play violin solos.

M. GRANT.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Janet Johnson, in the recent polling for two vacant seats on the Southwark Board of Guardians, polled 423 votes against 152 registered for her opponent.

Mrs. Hannah Burnall, of Skillington, near Grantham, has just celebrated her 105th birthday. She is still able, she says, to do a little digging in the garden. Her recipe for old age is "Get up early, work hard, and read the Bible."

Miss Bramwell, who won a special competition which was played on the Cheltenham Golf Links, beat both ladies and gentlemen, and finished one down against bogey.

In the South London Rifle Club's competition at Staines Mrs. Chapman scored 94 points and Miss E. S. Seaton 87 at the usual King's Prize distances.

The Court of Common Council have resolved to increase from £150 to £200 a year the maximum salaries of women inspectors within the City boundaries.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily News* says that some of the best sculptures at the nineteenth annual exhibition of the Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts are by women—such as Mlle. Jouvrin, Mme. Charlotte Bestard, and Mlle. Poupelet.

Miss E. H. Mackman, of Spalding, took part in change ringing on the bells of the Spalding Parish Church at Easter. This is the first occasion upon which a woman has taken part in bell-ringing in the Spalding district.

Miss Ellen Day, organist at Christ Church, Victoria Street, has recently kept her eighty-first birthday. She has been an organist for forty-five years, and still takes her place each Sunday at the organ. Miss Day played privately before Mendelssohn, Chopin, and Liszt.

The Rev. Dr. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, in a recent sermon, praised the Suffrage movement in England as "the greatest cause for the sake of humanity since Christ's birth," and declared that he believed American women would learn much good from their English sisters.

In reply to an inquiry by a well-known woman journalist as to the admission of women to the International Press Conference, the Hon. Secretary writes:—"I am desired by the Conference Sub-Committee to inform you that they are unable to make provision for the attendance of ladies at the meetings of the Conference."

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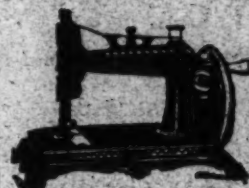
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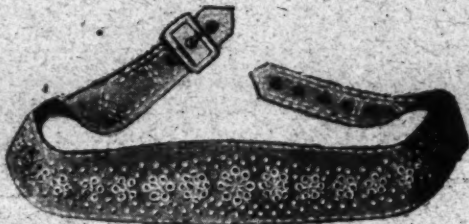
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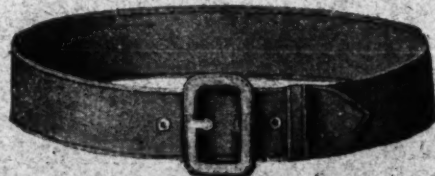
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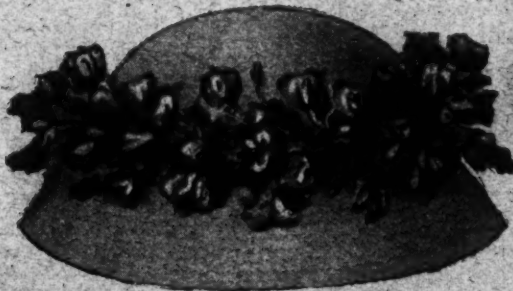
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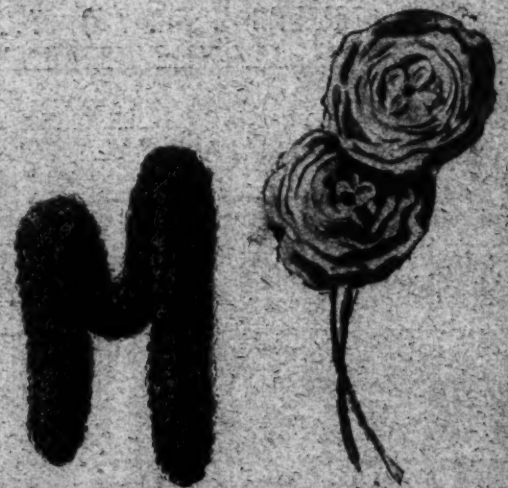
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